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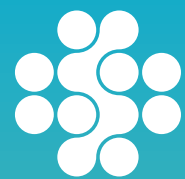


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**WING COMMANDER
KRIS VANGADEREN**

Senior Australian Defence Force Officer
Edinburgh Defence Precinct

I CAN'T EXPRESS HOW HONOURED and excited I am to be taking on the roles of Commanding Officer (CO) 24 City of Adelaide Squadron and Senior Australian Defence Force Officer (SADFO) for the Edinburgh Defence Precinct (EDP). While I have never had the privilege of a posting to RAAF Base Edinburgh in the past, my wife and I have long hoped for the opportunity and we are thrilled that it has come around.

Outgoing CO/SADFO, Wing Commander Craig Keane and his team have been immensely supportive and so many people have reached

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out to tell us how much they love or loved their time as part of the Edinburgh community. I hope you feel as welcome as we do.

A posting to EDP offers a great quality of life, with access to excellent Defence and community support, along with the benefits of living in affordable, family-friendly South Australia. While service life has its challenges, the combination of natural beauty, a lower cost of living and strong Defence networks makes it a positive and 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', which is home to more than 40 resident units, operating some of the Australian Defence Force's (ADF) most critical capabilities. Edinburgh is critical to the nation's intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities, with five flying squadrons all contributing to the nation's knowledge of activities in our maritime region. Edinburgh's contribution to Australia's peacetime security is therefore critical.

Defence Science and Technology Group (DSTG): 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.

The EDP's full range of capabilities is extensive, but highlights include:

- The arrival of 10SQN's MC-55A Peregrine electronic warfare aircraft and Headquarters for 9SQN's Triton MQ-4C uncrewed aerial platform, complementing the existing P8 Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft, enhancing Australia's situational awareness, electronic warfare and regional surveillance capabilities.
- Defence space operations and the Jindalee Operational Radar Network. Together, these capabilities provide long-range space domain awareness and over-the-horizon surveillance of Australia's northern approaches.
- The Army's Short Range Ground Based Air Defence and Long Range Fires regiments. These missile units will give the Army multi-domain strike and air defence capabilities.
- 737 Deep Maintenance and Modification Facility. This facility will conduct the long-term maintenance and modification requirements for the Boeing 737 aircraft in the RAAF's inventory: the P-8A Poseidon and E-7A Wedgetail. Negotiations to service international partner aircraft are underway.

I look forward to meeting many of you and encourage everyone to embrace the opportunities and challenges ahead as we work together to look after our loved ones, the wider community and ourselves. I hope your time as part of the Edinburgh community is rewarding and enjoyable and that you are able to make the most of the experience.



↑ Wing Commander Craig Keane CSC, Uncle Mickey Kumatpi O'Brien, Heidi Braun and Flight Lieutenant Jason Enchong at the Air Force's 105th Birthday at RAAF Base Edinburgh.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

EDINBURGH DEFENCE PRECINCT rests upon the traditional lands of the Kaurna people of the Adelaide Plains. Kaurna Country extends from Cape Jervis to the south, Crystal Brook to the north and Mt Lofty to the east.

We acknowledge all living Kaurna people today who continue their deep and spiritual connection to these lands, waters and skies. We also extend that respect to other first nations peoples whose lands we may visit and sit upon.

Edinburgh Defence Precinct fosters reconciliation opportunities and engagement initiatives vital to the ongoing cultural practice, beliefs, stories and heritage of Kaurna people. We are committed to building a valued relationship with our first nations people by understanding the past and working together towards a better future.

You can learn more about our commitment to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander engagements on page 28.



UNCLE MICKEY KUMATPI O'BRIEN

Kurna Elder

NAA MARNI NIIPURNA (Hello friends).

As an ambassador of Kurna Country and Culture I welcome you.

As Kurna People, we understand the importance to take what you need, share what you have, and always leave something for tomorrow. I am looking forward to continuing our relationship, and to further developing opportunities to increase Aboriginal engagement at the Edinburgh Defence Precinct.

As visitors we value, you will know the spirit of this place, so you may feel the spirit in this place, and so the spirit of this place will walk with you
Ngaityalya (thanks), *nakutha* (see you later).



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 every day 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 premier sportsgrounds, playgrounds and reserves.

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

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 and I am always here to help you. If there is any way I can make your time here in the North better, do not hesitate to call my office on 08 8254 1023. My electorate office is located at 90/600 Main North Road, Smithfield, and we regularly have Justice of the Peace services available. I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you in the community.



GLENN DOCHERTY

Mayor, City of Playford

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

We welcome you to our community and thank you for your service to our country and our community.



GILLIAN ALDRIDGE OAM

Mayor, City of Salisbury

and quickly feel at home. 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: The 14th Air Force P-8A Poseidon gets a water-arch salute from the aviation firefighters on arrival at RAAF Base Edinburgh. **PHOTO:** FSGT Rob Hack. **INSET:** from left, a self-image of the DSTG nanosatellite, Buccaneer Main Mission; the first Australian-manufactured GMLRS missiles test fired at the Woomera Test Range (photo: Kym Smith/Defence); a NASAMS from the 16th Regiment, Royal Australian Artillery firing an AIM-120 missile at Bradfield Training Area (photo: CPL Jacob Joseph, image digitally altered for security).



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

↑ **Tri-service procession for the opening of the 56th Parliament of South Australia.**

↓ **Historic image of Edinburgh from the 1950s.**



↑ **The 14th P-8A Poseidon from No 11 Squadron arrives at RAAF Base Edinburgh.**

new base was named after him, the base was, at one stage, going to be called Mirrabooka, until it was realised the aboriginal translation was 'stinking swamp'.

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

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

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

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



PHOTO: FSgt Rob Hack

↑ **The official opening of the Deep Maintenance and Modification Facility at RAAF Base Edinburgh.**

↓ **Constructions work on the Deep Maintenance and Modification Facility at RAAF Base Edinburgh.**



EDP TODAY

The Edinburgh Defence Precinct has become an increasingly operationally focused Defence and joint Defence establishment. Over the past 10 years, it has become a major intelligence surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) hub

for the ADF with Air Warfare Centre, 92 Wing, and 1 Remote Sensing Unit residing on the base. Likewise, it has a very strong electronic warfare (EW) presence with Joint Electronic Warfare Operational Support Unit and 462 Squadron. The ISR and EW focus is reinforced by DST elements that provide vital research in these areas.

A large Army presence through units like 16 Regiment and 1 Armd 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: FSGT Shane Gidall

↑ A No 10 Squadron MC-55A Peregrine.



NO 83 SQUADRON

Number 83 Squadron is the Air Force's centralised intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) processing, exploitation and dissemination 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.



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).

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.

DIRECTORATE OF AIR INTELLIGENCE

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



DISTRIBUTED GROUND STATION AUSTRALIA SUPPORT ORGANISATION

Established in 2022, the Distributed Ground Station Australia Support Organisation (DASO) plays a critical role in sustaining the intelligence processing, exploitation and dissemination capabilities that underpin operations within No 83 Squadron. At the centre of this role is support to the in service family of systems in the Distributed Ground Station Australia facility. DASO responds to incidents, conducts triage and coordinates technical resolutions to support the ongoing operation of this mission critical capability. DASO also ensures emerging capabilities are transitioned smoothly into sustainment, applying disciplined engineering and service management practices to support long term intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance capability outcomes. To manage this complexity, DASO provides engineering governance and logistics coordination in close collaboration with multiple groups including Defence Digital Group, Directorate Air Force Intelligence, Defence Science and Technology Group and Australian industry. This governance framework enables technical issues to be prioritised, resolved and sustained across multiple stakeholders and system boundaries.



ADVANCED TEST AND TRAINING ENVIRONMENTS DIRECTORATES

The Advanced Test and Training Environments Directorate (ATTED) 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



NO 87 SQUADRON

No 87 Squadron (87SQN) was re-formed on 1 July 2006 and is the Air Force's mission intelligence squadron. 87SQN comprises approximately 170 personnel, predominantly air intelligence analysts and officers. 87SQN is

headquartered in RAAF Williamtown, but dispersed across Australia, with eight tactical intelligence flights (TIFs) providing mission intelligence to multiple force element groups, wings and units. 87SQN personnel serve at RAAF Bases Amberley, Edinburgh, Richmond, Tindal and Williamtown, and support various RAAF and ADF operations, exercises and activities across single service and joint domains. RAAF Base Edinburgh TIFs include RSTIF, CSTIF and 92TIF, as well as members of the 87SQN Training and Standards Team.



JOINT ELECTRONIC WARFARE OPERATIONAL SUPPORT UNIT

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

of excellence, providing agile support to the modern warfighter through development of operational mission data, system reprogramming and signal analysis. Modelling and testing allows JEWOSU to improve the optimisation of survivability and operational relevance of ADF Aviation, Maritime and Land based platforms. In addition, JEWOSU provides formal EW training and specialist advice to the Australian Defence Organisation (ADO)



SPECTRUM WARFARE DIRECTORATE

Spectrum Warfare Directorate (SWD) comprises 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, USA. 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.



HQ TEST AND EVALUATION DIRECTORATE

Headquarters Test and Evaluation Directorate (TED) provides test and evaluation services across the air and space domains, encompassing

test planning, engineering and development, complex trial management and test conduct. TED contains the authorities of the Delegate of the Safety Authority for Flight Test and the Air Force Test and Evaluation principle. 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

Air Warfare Engineering Squadron is focussed on delivering specialist technical advice, systems engineering, design development, prototyping

and innovation services to enhance ADF integration, and enable the development of modern air power capabilities.



NO 1 COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON

No 1 Combat Communications Squadron's (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 at Amberley and three flights at RAAF Bases Edinburgh, Amberley and Williamtown.



NO 1 REMOTE SENSOR UNIT

Now in its 12th 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, SRC, 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 celebrated its 25th year in location. 1RSU still maintains close ties with communities in Alice Springs, 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.



SURVEILLANCE & CONTROL TRAINING UNIT – EDINBURGH DETACHMENT

Surveillance & Control Training Unit (SACTU) delivers initial employment training and post-initial employment training for air

battle managers and air surveillance operators. The unit also provides specialist training for maintenance personnel and other air and missile defence professionals across the ADF.

While SACTU's main element is located at Williamstown, NSW, it maintains a detachment at Edinburgh, playing a key role in supporting national surveillance capabilities.

SACTU Detachment Edinburgh is responsible



↑ A RAAF P-8A Poseidon aircraft undergoing maintenance at RAAF Base Edinburgh.

for the development, delivery and continuous modernisation of all No 1 Remote Sensor Unit initial training requirements. This ensures personnel are equipped to meet capability demands and effectively operate the Jindalee Operational Radar Network (JORN).

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, Williamstown, 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.



HEADQUARTERS SURVEILLANCE & RESPONSE GROUP

The Surveillance and Response Group (SRG) mission is to generate and project credible, combat ready, intelligence,

surveillance, reconnaissance and electronic warfare (ISREW), integrated air and missile defence (IAMD), and strike and control forces in defence of Australia and its interests.

Our vision is to be the foremost in ISREW, IAMD, strike and control. SRG aspires to be a world leader in the delivery of integrated airborne intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (AISR) effects and decision superiority to the Joint Force in support of Australia's national interests.

We deliver multi-domain AISR, strike, control and air navigation support as one collegiate team, comprising more than 2,400 personnel, with the group headquarters located at RAAF Base Williamtown and RAAF Base Edinburgh.



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, 12 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 joint personnel recovery missions.



NO 9 SQUADRON

No 9 Squadron (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 WWII before disbanding in 1944. 9SQN reformed in 1962, operating UH-1B Iroquois helicopters providing search and rescue



↑ The MQ-4C Triton, P-8A Poseidon and MC-55A Peregrine with the 92WG team and squadron executives.

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).

9SQN commenced MQ-4C flying operations in 2025, launching and recovering from the Forward Operating Base Mission Control Station in RAAF Tindal and controlling the mission and sensor payloads from the main operating base in RAAF Edinburgh. Supported by contractor maintenance partner Northrop Grumman Australia, MQ-4C achieved initial operational capability in mid 2026 and continues to advance its interoperability within the integrated battlespace conducting Maritime Domain Awareness operations and exercises.



NO 10 SQUADRON

No 10 Squadron began its service in 1939 and was the only RAAF Squadron to serve continuously for the duration of WWII in Europe. Flying the Sunderland

Flying boats under RAF Coastal Command, they patrolled the north-west Atlantic, escorting Allied convoys carrying vital supplies and troops for the European campaign.

This proud history continues today as 10SQN aircrew, maintenance and support personnel regularly deploy to a wide variety of operations and exercises within Australia and overseas. 10SQN now operates the MC-55A Peregrine aircraft, a first of type capability that provides essential information as the premier platform contributing to Air Force's intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance and electronic warfare mission.

↓ MQ-4C Triton.





↑ Australia's first MC-55A Peregrine aircraft departs the US for RAAF Base Edinburgh.



↑ No 12 Squadron.



NO 11 SQUADRON

No 11 Squadron (11SQN) is the longest standing maritime strike and anti-submarine capability for the RAAF. Established in 1939 and based at RAAF Base Edinburgh since 1968, the Blackcats of 11SQN are often the first point of call in the ADF to respond to any contingency that may arise. On any given day,

11SQN members will be deployed somewhere in the world on operations.

In 2016, 11SQN transitioned to operating the P-8A Poseidon aircraft conducting the roles of anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface warfare, maritime strike, intelligence surveillance and reconnaissance, and search and rescue. Often with allied nations deployed on both operations and exercises. 11SQN is a highly deployed unit and relies on the camaraderie of its people to make it a great place to be. It has a workforce of around 260 personnel which will continue to grow over the coming years.



NO 12 SQUADRON

Re-established in October 2025 at RAAF Base Edinburgh, No 12 Squadron (12SQN) – operating under the historic call sign Buffalo – has bolstered Air Force capability in the Edinburgh precinct. Flying Australia's fleet of Boeing P-8A Poseidon aircraft, the squadron operates alongside 11SQN to deliver Australia's premier maritime strike and anti-submarine warfare capability. Together, these units are consistently called upon to deploy around Australia and across the Indo-Pacific in support of Australia's security and national interests.

The return of 12SQN marks an important milestone for RAAF Edinburgh, reinforcing its position as Air Force's hub for airborne intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance.



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 musterings 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.



NO 24 SQUADRON

No 24 (City of Adelaide) Squadron is one of nine operational squadrons within 95Wing, Combat Support Group. 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 no longer a flying squadron, 24SQN enables the air operations for the four flying squadrons at Edinburgh.

24SQN served with distinction in WWII, flying dive bombers in Papua New Guinea and heavy bombers in the Dutch East Indies.



NO 453 SQUADRON EDINBURGH FLIGHT

No 453 Squadron was formed in May 1941 as a fighter squadron and disbanded in January 1946. It was reformed on 1 December 2010 to deliver high-quality air base air traffic services and to maintain communications, navigation and surveillance equipment across several locations, including RAAF Bases Edinburgh, Williamtown, Richmond, East Sale and Pearce, and HMAS Albatross. The Edinburgh flight is one of the smallest units on base, yet it undertakes a range of critical tasks supporting Air Force force generation and national defence. Its responsibilities include providing air traffic services to all civil and military aircraft operating within the airspace of RAAF Edinburgh, maintaining air navigation systems through specialised technical personnel, and supporting

base communications at Edinburgh and Woomera. The unit also plays a key role in delivering flying display support and managing RAAF Edinburgh's airspace, working closely with civil aviation partners to ensure safe and efficient operations.



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.



← The first Australian-manufactured Guided Multiple Launch Rocket System missiles are test fired from a HIMARS in South Australia in 2026.



THE 9TH BRIGADE

Headquartered at Keswick Barracks, 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; and 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. It is the lead brigade for domestic disaster relief and security support within South Australia.

A SQUADRON, 3RD/9TH LIGHT HORSE

A Squadron, 3rd/9th Light Horse (South Australian Mounted Rifles) is SA's light cavalry capability, specialising in medium-range reconnaissance and mounted in the Protected Mobility – Light (PMV-L) Hawkei platform. The independent squadron is predominately an Army Reserve unit and traces its history back to 1840, making it one of SA's oldest military units. The unit has undergone significant evolution to keep pace the ever-changing global landscape, seeing its mobility platforms go from horses in WWI, armoured personnel carriers in the Vietnam-era and now to the super advanced PMV-L Hawkei. The unit is under command of South Australia's 9th Brigade and is based in Chauvel Lines at RAAF Base Edinburgh.

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

ARMY UNITS



10TH FIRES BRIGADE

10th Fires Brigade continues to evolve Army's offensive and defensive fires capabilities with the National Advanced Surface to Air Missile System (NASAMS)

and the High Mobility Artillery Rocket System (HIMARS). These systems enable the integrated force to generate short-range ground-based air defence, long-range multi-domain strike and specialist targeting effects. 10th Fires Brigade contains 9th Regiment Royal Australian Artillery, 14th Regiment Royal Australian Artillery, 16th Regiment Royal Australian Artillery, 105th Signals Squadron, and the theatre civil military communication capability. Although based in Adelaide, 10th Fires Brigade comprises of units across the entire country. The Brigade represents a wide cross-section of Army, with soldiers come from many backgrounds including artillery, signals, technical trades, maintainers and APS members. More than 25 employment categories across multiple methods of service (Full time and Part time) are present within the Brigade's ranks.



14TH REGIMENT, ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARTILLERY

The newest regiment of the RAA, 14th Regiment is introducing the High Mobility

Artillery Rocket System (HIMARS) capability into service with the Australian Army. The regiment currently consists of two HIMARS Batteries, 54 and 55 Battery with a supporting Combat Service Support Battery. Once fully established, 56 Battery will join the regiment, bringing the HIMARS Batteries to three.

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

As the ADF's sole ground-based air and missile defence capability, 16 Regiment RAA plays a vital role in protecting

the nation's most critical assets.

From its beginnings in 1969 with the 16th Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment at Woodside, the regiment has consistently adapted, progressing through systems such as Bofors, Redeye, Rapier and RBS-70, to today's cutting-edge National Advanced Surface to Air Missile System (NASAMS) capability introduced in 2023.

Now proudly based at RAAF Edinburgh, the regiment is settling into its new purpose-built facilities and embracing the opportunities that come with a modernised home. Over the past year, soldiers have focused on demanding test and evaluation activities, a crucial step toward achieving full operational capability. This work has required professionalism, technical skill and sustained effort across the unit. An achievement that reflects the dedication of the entire team.

In a global environment marked by increasing uncertainty, the importance of credible air defence has never been clearer. 16 Regiment's role is simple but vital: defend from the ground so the joint force can operate freely in competition and conflict.

Looking ahead, the regiment is focused

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.

3RD HEALTH BATTALION

Raised on 18 January 2022 as an integrated ARA and Reserve unit, the 3rd Health Battalion (3HB) delivers close, general and allied health effects in support of 1st, 4th, 9th and 10th Brigades, along with other dependencies across SA, Victoria and Tasmania. 3HB draws its lineage from the 3rd Australian General Hospital (3AGH), formed in 1915. During the Gallipoli Campaign, 3AGH deployed to Lemnos Island to care for the sick and wounded before re-establishing in Egypt, England and France in support of the Australian Imperial Force on the Western Front. The unit closed in April 1919, leaving a legacy of service that continues to underpin 3HB today.

Within the EDP, 3rd Close Health Company and the Operational Support Company deliver responsive close health effects and essential enabling support. Headquarters and 2nd Surgical Company are based at Keswick Barracks, while 6th/10th Health Support Battalion elements provide regional support across Victoria and Tasmania, reinforcing the battalion's integrated and geographically dispersed capability.

3HB provides ongoing support to garrison health outcomes while enabling major exercises and operations, ensuring forces remain medically



PHOTO: LSI/S Susan Mossop

↑ US Marine Corps, Australian Army and Singapore Armed Forces artillery batteries fire their HIMARS during a live-fire training activity during Exercise Talisman Sabre 2025.



PHOTO: PTE Ali Craig

↑ As part of Operational Test & Evaluation, the HIMARS, M1084A2 HIMARS resupply vehicles and M1095 trailers were tested on HMAS Choules in 2026.



PHOTO: CPL Adrian Murphy, 3 HB

↑ 3HB exercises the deployment of the Role 2 Basic hospital into the field using 40M trucks.



PHOTO: CPL Cameron Pegg

↑ A Hawkei High Mobility Launcher from 16th Regiment loaded with AIM120 AMRAAM training rounds during Exercise Talisman Sabre 2025.

ready across domestic and expeditionary tasks. Together, these efforts ensure 3HB remains a modern, adaptive force, contributing to readiness, resilience and operational effectiveness across the joint force.

↓ Australian Army soldiers fire an 84mm anti-tank gun during a direct-fire support weapons course at the Caltana 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. 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 colocated with SEG and the customer service centre to provide a seamless experience through a one-stop shop.

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 EDP 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.

MILITARY MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING & PROMOTIONS

The Military Mental Health Training & Promotions team supports the mental health literacy of Defence personnel. Activities aim to reduce stigma, increase mental health literacy, strengthen peer support skills, and encourage early help-seeking. Training includes workshops on suicide prevention, mental health awareness, resilience, alcohol use, sleep, stress, and self-care. These can be delivered either face-to-face or online. The team also supports units with events such as family days, sports days, R U OK? Day and World Mental Health Day.

To find out more, email mmhp.promotions-training@defence.gov.au.





SCHOOL OF POSTGRADUATE STUDIES DETACHMENT EDINBURGH

The School of Postgraduate Studies (SPS) delivers professional military education (PME) to aviators,

enhancing their ability to innovate and excel. Headquartered at RAAF Base Wagga, SPS operates permanent detachments at RAAF Base Amberley and RAAF Base Edinburgh. The Edinburgh detachment consist of a small team of facilitators, who deliver face-to-face and online PME Level 1 and 2 courses to junior aviators, primarily LACs, CPLs and FLGOFFs. Instruction is delivered across three core modules: leadership; Australia and the strategic environment; and military management. Education is tailored to be commensurate with the students worn rank and serves as a prerequisite for promotion to the next rank.

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.

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.



↑ Commercial Data Mission Centre.

HIGH FREQUENCY SENSING SYSTEMS PROGRAM OFFICE

High Frequency Sensing Systems Program Office (HFSSPO) was formed in 2003 and is part of the Air and Surface Surveillance and Control Branch within the Capability Acquisition and Sustainment Group. HFSSPO is responsible for the delivery of the AIR2025 mid-life upgrade to the Jindalee Operational Radar Network (JORN), the sustainment of JORN and the Arctic Over the Horizon Radar Program. The JORN capability enables Defence, in particular RAAF 1 Remote Sensor Unit, to conduct effective surveillance on Australia's northern approaches and supports the ADF's situational awareness. HFSSPO is located at the Defence Science and Technology Edinburgh site. The workforce is a combination of ADF, APS and contractor personnel.



NO 1 SPACE SURVEILLANCE UNIT

High above the Earth, the space domain has become an increasingly contested and critical operational environment.

At the forefront of Australia's response is No 1 Space Surveillance Unit (ISSU), a modern joint capability dedicated to delivering space domain awareness and missile warning in support of national and coalition operations.

Formed in January 2023, ISSU represents a significant step forward in Australia's space capabilities. Bringing together existing systems

and expertise, the unit serves as the foundation for integrating future sovereign and international space partnerships. Its mission is clear, to observe, understand, and deliver timely information on activity in space and on Earth.

Operating a sophisticated mix of ground-based and space-enabled technologies, including the Space Surveillance Telescope, C-Band Radar, and the Space-Based Infrared Systems Australian Mission Processor, ISSU provides continuous monitoring of the space environment. This persistent awareness enables Defence and its partners to respond rapidly to emerging threats and opportunities.

Innovation is also central to the unit's approach. The recently established Commercial Data and Sensing (CD&S) capability harnesses the power of commercial space providers, expanding access to data and enhancing operational flexibility. Based at Lot Fourteen in Adelaide, CD&S operates within an unclassified environment, supporting sovereign tasking of Australian assets while contributing to broader coalition initiatives such as the Joint Commercial Operations – Pacific Cell.

As space continues to evolve, ISSU stands at the cutting edge, ensuring Australia remains informed, prepared and ready in a domain that is vital to both national security and global stability.



SPACE DOMAIN AWARENESS AND CONTROL SYSTEMS PROGRAM OFFICE

Space Domain Awareness and Control Systems Program Office (SDACSPO) was formed in 2024

and is part of Space Systems Branch within the Capability Acquisition and Sustainment Group, which is planned to transition to the Defence Delivery Agency. The SPO acquires and sustains both space domain awareness (SDA) and space control capabilities operated by Defence's Space Command. These space-related capabilities are critical enablers of military operations, supporting communications, targeting and situational awareness. The SDA sensors at Harold E Holt Defence Precinct in Exmouth, WA, along with other space capabilities, are supported in conjunction with local and international enterprise partners, comprising both foreign governments and industry. The SPO is staffed by a workforce of ADF, APS and contractor personnel, and is based at RAAF Edinburgh, with a component at Brindabella Park in Canberra.



NO 462 SQUADRON

No 462 Squadron (462SQN) is a joint unit that sits within 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 within the Cyberspace domain. 462SQN's cyber protection mission is enabled by a Training Flight, Operations & Intelligence 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 emissions security and vulnerability assessments for the integrated force.



JOINT SURVIVABILITY, TACTICS VALIDATION UNIT

The Joint Survivability Tactics Validation Unit (JSTVU), a key unit

in Joint Capabilities Group, was established in 2021 under the Joint Electromagnetic Spectrum Survivability project and is headquartered at DST Edinburgh. Its mission is to strengthen the survivability of ADF maritime and land forces operating in contested Electromagnetic Spectrum (EMS) environments.

Operating from the Pitt-Johnston

Electromagnetic Warfare Research Centre, JSTVU brings together a highly integrated workforce of uniformed personnel, APS staff, specialist contractors, and embedded teams from DSTG and across Defence. This multidisciplinary structure enables rapid collaboration and innovation in response to evolving EMS threats.

JSTVU captures and analyses EMS signatures of ADF platforms and force elements. These insights directly inform the development of survivability tactics, including decoy employment, mission tactics, and the optimisation of responses. Complementing this, the unit conducts both field and synthetic trials against representative adversarial threats to validate data, refine techniques, and strengthen operational effectiveness.

In recognition of its impact, JSTVU was awarded 2024 Capability Assurance Team of the Year at Capability Acquisition and Sustainment Group's EngTech Awards—highlighting its critical contribution to enhancing the resilience and survivability of integrated force capabilities.

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 – 3.30pm Mon-Fri
- **Sick parade:** 9.00 – 10.30am Mon-Fri (in outpatients department); 9.00 – 10.30am Sat-Sun & public holidays (via after-hours entrance near ambulance bay)
- **Inpatient ward:** All hours
- **Dental:** 7.30am – 2.30pm Mon-Fri
- **Mental health:** 7.30am – 3.30pm Mon-Fri
- **Physiotherapy:** 7.30am – 3.30pm Mon-Fri
- **Pharmacy:** 7.30am – 4.00pm Mon-Fri
- **Occupational rehabilitation:** 7.30am – 3.30pm Mon-Fri

General enquiries and appointments

are made by calling 08 7383 2424 or via email to JHU-CA EDNHC Medical Admin (jhuca.edinburghhc@defence.gov.au).

In an emergency, please call 000.



↑ No 462 Squadron network technicians work on cybersecurity governance in Tonga.

SURVEILLANCE, INTELLIGENCE AND LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEMS PROGRAM OFFICE

The Surveillance, Intelligence and Life Support Systems Program Office (SILSPO) was established in 2026 with a mission to deliver and sustain critical Defence capabilities that enhance Australia's intelligence advantage and support the safety of Australian Defence Force aircrew. SILSPO is the custodian of Aircrew Life Support Equipment and the first-of-type MC-55A Peregrine capability. Bringing together military personnel, Australian Public Service employees and industry specialists, the SPO works closely with Australian and international partners to deliver and sustain these critical Defence capabilities.

The Aeronautical Life Support Management Unit (ALSMU) supports the provision, maintenance and governance of life-support systems across 19 fixed-wing and rotary-wing aircraft platforms within the ADF. ALSMU provides specialist advice, standards and assurance to help ensure aircrew have access to safe and effective equipment. Its mission is simple: "Protecting those who protect us".

SILSPO is also home to the MC-55A Peregrine, Australia's most advanced airborne intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance and electronic warfare capability. A major milestone was achieved in 2026 with the arrival and handover of Australia's first MC-55A aircraft to No 10 Squadron at RAAF Base Edinburgh. This achievement marked the culmination of years of innovation and collaboration, delivering a world-class capability that strengthens the ADF's intelligence and operational advantage.

SURVEILLANCE AND RESPONSE SYSTEMS PROGRAM OFFICE

Surveillance and Response Systems Program Office (SRSPPO), previously Maritime Patrol SPO, is responsible for project management of the AIR7000 (P-8A Poseidon) and AIR7001 (MQ-4C Triton) acquisition projects, as well as sustainment of the P-8A and Triton capabilities in service. The Triton and Poseidon capabilities are supported through cooperative programs with the United States Navy and by an integrated team of ADF, APS and industry partners at RAAF Base Edinburgh and across a number of locations including the Triton maintenance element embedded within 9SQN at RAAF Base Tindal. SRSPPO is part of Aerospace Surveillance and Response Branch, within Aerospace Systems Division and the broader Capability Acquisition and Sustainment Group.



PHOTO: FSGT Shane Gidall

↑ A No 10 Squadron MC-55A Peregrine aircraft taxis into position for the first time in front of the new 10SQN hangar at RAAF Base Edinburgh.

↓ Surveillance and Response Systems Program Office members test out the United States and Australian versions of the 737 P-8A Fuselage Stand.



PHOTO: LACW Jacqueline Forrester

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.

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 former single-service general duties policing elements together with the ADF Investigative Service. Its mission is to deliver focused, integrated military police effects domestically and internationally.

In SA, the JMPF operates primarily from the Joint Military Police Station – Adelaide, 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. For assistance, contact the JMPF Hotline on 1311MP (131167).



JOINT LOGISTICS UNIT – SOUTH

Headquartered at RAAF Edinburgh, Joint Logistics Unit – South is tasked with

delivering theatre logistics to the integrated force in competition and conflict. The unit is an integrated team consisting of ADF and APS staff, who provide oversight of service delivery that is conducted by our industry partners. Together, we deliver this theatre logistics across all groups and services operating with the Theatre Support Area (all of South Australia and Broken Hill, NSW), inclusive of those force elements exercise at

training areas (including Cultana, Murray Bridge, Port Wakefield and Woomera).

Toll (under the Defence Theatre Logistics Contract) is responsible for conducting warehousing and distribution and Ventia (under the Defence Maintenance Contract) is responsible for conducting up to heavy grade repair on land materiel in our state-of-the art workshops.

The unit also operates loan and repair pools, conducts weapons storage and repair, hazardous goods management, electronic instrument repair, regional procurement, and possesses an operations and planning function.



JOINT EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE SUPPORT – SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Joint Explosive Ordnance Support – South Australia (JEOS-SA)

provides specialist guidance and expertise across all aspects of explosive ordnance (EO) within both Defence and the public domain. This includes providing an explosive ordnance disposal and improvised explosive device emergency response.

JEOS-SA consists of both Army ammunition technicians and RAAF armament technicians, who work in close partnership with South Australian Police to address incidents involving the discovery of explosive ordnance within the community. Through this collaboration, the organisation delivers timely, professional and effective support to mitigate risks associated with EO.

In fulfilling its role, JEOS-SA contributes to the safety and security of the Edinburgh Defence Precinct and the wider South Australian community by ensuring a coordinated, highly skilled response to explosive hazards.



PHOTO: CPL Jack Pearce

↑ **Joint Explosive Ordnance Support renders safe unexploded ordnance during a live demonstration as part of a preparedness task.**

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 120 years.

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



PHOTO: Rodrick Bond/Defence

↑ **A DSTG engineer with an Australian-made Bask AeroDrone MR4.**

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

DSTG's site at Edinburgh is the largest of seven sites around Australia. Other sites are located in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra, HMAS Stirling in Rockingham, near Perth, and Innisfail, North Queensland. DSTG employs approximately 2,100 people and 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 birthplace of the Black Box Flight Recorder, but its achievements go far beyond that. 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 revenues in excess of \$1 billion.

DSTG developed the wing kit that converts Boeing's standard Joint Direct Attack Munition 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 also developed an Over the Horizon Radar network (OTHR) through the Jindalee Operational Radar Network (JORN) which provides 24-hour military surveillance of Australia's northern, north eastern and western approaches. It is a world-first technological breakthrough in its specific capabilities and scale. Because conventional line-of-sight radars are limited by the curvature of the earth, Jindalee's ability to "see" beyond the horizon – and track targets while adapting to atmospheric changes – revolutionised long-range defence.

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.

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 entitles you to:

- Weekly functions on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
- Social functions
- An espresso machine, Italian chocolate, chai and milk
- Biscuits available
- A movie theatre and a TV room
- Wi-fi
- 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 TV
- A large garden area with a bar and barbecues
- An annual Christmas members' draw, 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 information can be found at <https://dpeintranet-raaf.defence.gov.au/bases/messes/raaf-base-edinburgh-sergeants-mess>.



PHOTO: POIS Christopher Szumlanski

↑ The ADF Rowing Team participating in the 2025 Head of the Yarra Race in Melbourne.

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.

ADF Ice hockey (ADFIHA) is the best way to get involved with the coolest sport on earth. Ice hockey is the fastest team sport around and a great way to keep fit and have fun. ADFIHA runs a free weekly training session on Thursday nights for players of all levels at the Adelaide Ice Arena. Loaned kits are available to new and returning players. Training sessions cover all aspects of the sport, including skating, puck-handling skills and friendly scrimmage games. ADF Ice Hockey in South Australia is a fantastic entry point for

further opportunities on ice. ADFIHA hosts a yearly Tri-Service Carnival open to all members, offering weeklong training and matches between all skill levels and service teams. ADF Ice Hockey also offers a pathway to participation in local competition and ice hockey community. If interested, please reach out to adf.icehockey@defence.gov.au.

SA Defence Basketball (SADB) welcomes players of all skill levels. It runs informal scrimmages and training sessions weekly on 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 November-December, 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 Water Ski Club – A friendly social/welfare club that runs ski day trips and weekends to various Murray River locations. The club caters for all levels and abilities in skiing, wake boarding, wake skating, knee boarding, barefoot skiing, ski tubes etc. All equipment is provided, including safety gear. Camping ski weekends are also popular and offer a great way to socialise with a group of people with a common interest. The club has an approved closed Facebook group – search Edinburgh Water Ski Club and request access. For further information please contact SGT Ewan Hadfield.

ADF Sailing Association (ADFSA) Is a Level 4 sporting body that coordinates and manages inter-service and combined service representational sailing activities for ADF personnel. Within



↑ **Edinburgh Water Ski Club.**

Adelaide, the ADFSFA has a good relationship with local clubs and sails in events that include racing and social sailing at various clubs based around SA. Signature events include the popular Setting a New Course, every second Friday afternoon, as well as prestigious competitions such as the HMAS Hobart Cup and the Defence Industry Cup. These events are sailed out of the Cruising Yacht Club of South Australia, on Elliot 7 sports boats. For more information, check out the ADFSFA page, or contact SGT Darrell Greig.

ADF Rowing competes in events around Australia each year, including milestone events such as the Australian Masters Rowing Championships, Head of the Yarra and annual ADF Rowing Camp and Championships. There are also opportunities to participate in local regattas within the Adelaide region (such as the famous Wharf to Woolshed Long Row), as part of a local club through our club partnerships or representing ADF Rowing. Whether you're an experienced rower, or have never tried the sport, there are opportunities to get involved. To get involved or express your interest, please email ADF.Rowing@defence.gov.au.

Edinburgh ADF Indoor Volleyball. Looking to try a fast paced, team-focused sport or return to volleyball in a welcoming environment? The ADF Volleyball Association (ADFVA) encourages participation at every level, from complete beginners to experienced competitors. ADFVA South Australia runs a social indoor volleyball training session every Wednesday from 1630–1830 at the RAAF Edinburgh Gym. The sessions are relaxed, inclusive and beginner friendly. Each year, the ADFVA also hosts the Combined Services Tournament (CST), bringing together teams from across Defence in a highly competitive and rewarding event. ADFVA SA is always seeking new players to represent South Australia, with trials typically held between July and August and squad

training running in the lead up to the tournament. ADFVA SA has enjoyed significant success and seen multiple members selected to compete in national Defence teams. The association is keen to grow its playing group and consistently field full men's and women's teams at the CST. If you're interested, please contact the ADFVA SA Group Mailbox at adfva.sa@defence.gov.au.

Joint Edinburgh Rocketry Lab (JERL). Whether you're looking to break into aerospace design, build technical skills or deepen your understanding of space systems, JERL offers a practical pathway to get started. JERL provides a collaborative space where personnel can explore the science and



↑ **2025 Combined Services Tournament ADF Volleyball Association action.**



↑ **Joint Edinburgh Rocketry Lab launch.**

engineering behind rocketry, regardless of prior experience. The lab delivers practical workshops covering everything from foundational rocket design principles to advanced construction techniques, giving members the opportunity to design, build and test their own systems. Regularly scheduled launch events transform theory into reality. Members work in teams to tackle complex challenges, combining expertise across avionics, materials, propulsion and systems engineering. To get involved or learn more, reach out to edinburgh.rocketry@resources.defence.gov.au.

VETERAN GAMING AUSTRALIA

Veteran Gaming Australia (VGA) is a national, veteran-led organisation dedicated to strengthening social connection, wellbeing and camaraderie for veterans and their families. We have engaged more than 46,000 participants across Australia, since 2021.

Built by veterans and families, for veterans and families, VGA delivers free digital and in-person social initiatives designed to foster connection through gaming, geek culture and

shared experiences. From casual evening game nights and 24/7 community servers to national esports teams in Sim Racing, Rocket League and Call of Duty, VGA creates opportunities for fun, teamwork and personal growth. VGA also supports physical community engagement through local meetups, family-friendly activations and esports events across Australia. All programs are free. veterangamingaustralia.org.au

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.

Air Force 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. For urgent support, phone 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 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.



↑ **ADF Sailing.**

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

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

KOOKABURRA KIDS

The Australian Kookaburra Kids Foundation provides clinically designed, evidence-based mental health education programs, in a fun recreational setting, to young people aged eight to 18 years who are living in a family impacted by mental illness.

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

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

Additional services such as postal, banking and hairdresser are provided in the retail hub.

Helpful teams at Defence Bank and The Australian Military Bank provide a full range of essential banking services, advice and resources.

Defence Bank

0930-1600 weekdays; 8259 6100.
edinburgh@defencebank.com.au

Australian Military Bank

0900-1600 weekdays; 8259 3100;
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. 08 7374 2417; 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. 08 7374 2619; cuttinloose@mail.com.





programs have a significant impact in improving the mental health literacy of the participating young people which will lead to better long-term mental health outcomes.

Every opportunity our Kookaburra Kids have to participate in our programs involves a genuine connection with other young people and aims to empower them to thrive beyond the impacts of family mental illness. 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.

Volunteers form an integral part of the Kookaburra Kids team. 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.



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, PC Gaming Club and Book Club. NEDC also runs school holiday events, adult nights out, holiday parties and other special activities. For further information about NEDC email nedc.edinburgh@rocketmail.com, phone 0491070762 or find NEDC on Facebook by searching NEDCfamily.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY WIVES CHOIR – ADELAIDE

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

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

WOMEN'S INTEGRATED NETWORKING GROUP

The Women's Integrated Networking Group (WINGs) program was developed in 2011 to facilitate networking among women at each RAAF base. Edinburgh WINGs aims to meet once a month, with sessions varying from career development and targeted topics with guest speakers, to networking in a more casual environment. Sessions are advertised by email to those on the WINGs Distribution list.

To find out more or to be added to the WINGs email list, please email the WINGs Committee on edn.wingscommittee@defence.gov.au.

AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE CADETS

Since 1941, the Australian Air Force Cadets (AAFC) has been shaping the futures of young Australians, helping them discover who they can be while building confidence, resilience and leadership. Today, that mission continues with renewed focus, as the organisation embraces a modern curriculum designed for a rapidly changing world.

Supported by the RAAF, the AAFC is soaring to continue in its core purpose: to inspire and develop young Australians to become capable, confident leaders within their communities, Defence and beyond. This purpose remains constant.

6 Wing, covering South Australia and Mildura, delivers a dynamic and contemporary training program that blends tradition with innovation. Foundational activities such as aviation, fieldcraft, drill and ceremonial training and radio communications continue to play a vital role. However, the modern AAFC experience now

extends far beyond these roots. Aligned with its Strategy 2030, the AAFC has expanded into emerging domains including space, cyber security and remotely piloted aircraft systems. Cadets engage in hands-on STEM learning through drone operations, robotics and 3D printing – developing practical skills that reflect real-world industries and future career pathways.

Leadership development remains central to every cadet's journey. Through progressive training and courses, cadets build skills in teamwork, communication, planning and decision-making, preparing them to lead in increasingly complex environments. The program fosters a mindset of excellence and service, encouraging cadets to be part of something greater than themselves.

Education and personal development opportunities continue to be a key strength. Elements of the AAFC curriculum may contribute toward the South Australian Certificate of Education, while many activities align with the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award - ensuring cadets gain recognised achievements alongside their training.

Aviation continues to play a key role in the cadet experience. Cadets participate in Cadet Air



PHOTO: AC Jakob Reid

↑ An AAFC glider takes off during an advanced cross-country gliding training day.

Experience and Pilot Experience flights, gaining valuable exposure to aviation in a structured and supportive environment.

Beyond aviation and technology, the AAFC offers diverse pathways including music and ceremonial performance. 606 Band Flight, based at Warradale Barracks, enables cadets to develop musical skills and perform at events such as Anzac Day and community ceremonies, contributing to both military and public occasions.

The AAFC is also strengthening its support for adult volunteers and instructors, recognising that

its people are central to delivering meaningful and impactful experiences. The organisation continues to grow as a modern, inclusive and agile youth development program of enduring value to the nation.

The AAFC is committed to remaining Australia's exemplar youth development organisation, empowering young people with the skills, character and resilience to lead today and be prepared for tomorrow.

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



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EVANSTON R-6 GAWLER BELT 7-12 RIVERLEA PARK R-6 TWO WELLS R-12



PHOTO: ACW Halley Van Essen

OUR LAND, OUR SEA, OUR SKY



THE SOUTH AUSTRALIA REGION consists of 40 different language groups, with RAAF Base Edinburgh, Defence Science and Technology East and Edinburgh Parks

being located on Kurna Country, home of the red kangaroo. This stretches from Cape Jervis in the south to Crystal Brook in the north and from the Mount Lofty Ranges in the east to the Gulf of Saint Vincent in the west.

INDIGENOUS LIAISON OFFICER

Flight Lieutenant Jason Enchong, the Indigenous Liaison Officer (ILO) for the past four years, has regrettably moved on from this position. However, he would like to acknowledge those who he worked with to create a positive influence both within community and ADF.

Ngai tampinhi Kurna Miyurna iya yalaka, Purkarna pukinangu, yalaka, tarrkarri-ana.

I would like to acknowledge the people of the Kurna nation, I would like to pay my respects to the elders of the past, today's elders and the future of tomorrows elders.

Parnaku tarraitpayiti yarta-ana, yarlu-ana, ngayirda-ana yaintya yartaku ngai tampinhi. Parnaku Tapa-Purruna puru purruna kurlana miyurna-arra. Parnaku Tapa-Purruna purtana-intyarla Tapa-Purruna marngu-arra.

I acknowledge their connection to the land, sea and airways of this country and respect their customs and traditions, as it is these customs and traditions being passed through our generations that keeps the oldest culture in the world alive today, present and moving forward.

We created an excellent rapport here on base with the Kurna community and key influencers. Some highlights during my tenure were the

↑ Students of the Indigenous Youth Program and staff during their visit to No 92 Wing at RAAF Base Edinburgh.

↓ ILO Flight Lieutenant Jason Enchong.



PHOTO: ACW Halley-Hadfield

opening of the Keeping Place, an ADF-wide first, and creating the RAAF Base EDN NAIDOC Sports competition. This position was a privilege to be a part of and a true career high.

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.

DEFENCE'S FIRST NATIONS COMMITMENT 2025 - 2030

The Defence First Nations Commitment outlines how Defence will work in partnership with First Nations peoples to achieve meaningful and measurable outcomes across Defence. Endorsed by the Secretary of the Department of Defence and the Chief of the Defence Force, the commitment reflects Defence's responsibility to listen, engage and take action to strengthen culture, capability and trust. Through the following pillars, Defence is seeking to listen, question and act:

- Pillar 1 – Employment and education
- Pillar 2 – Inclusion and reconciliation
- Pillar 3 – Health, wellbeing and truth telling
- Pillar 4 – Economic empowerment.

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION & NAIDOC WEEK ACTIVITIES

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) 2026 commenced with national Sorry Day breakfast at the Adelaide Convention Centre, the biggest to date with more than 3,000 people in attendance. Unit briefs on the history of Reconciliation Week and the significance of the dates that have been selected were provided. Wrapping up NRW 2026 was an commemorative service at Torrens Parade Ground with a number of RAAF Edinburgh personnel involved, supporting Aboriginal Veterans of South Australia.

NAIDOC week 2026 started with Cultural Awareness Training at Defence Science and Technology Group (DSTG). The relationship created between RAAF EDN and DSTG has allowed for an increase of audience for cultural events and the ability to create new networks and relations for both uniform and APS members of the two sites. Following the success of 2025's inaugural NAIDOC Sports Competition, the 2026 comp was volley ball, with teams from all three services competing for the RAAF EDN NAIDOC Trophy.

INDIGENOUS YOUTH & SCHOOLS ENGAGEMENT

This year a number of school groups and organisation were hosted at RAAF Base EDN. Tours ranged from unit briefs and base tours to sports activities. Through the volunteering of base members, this was a big success with these organisations looking forward to continuing the relationship and doing more activities on base.

RAAF EDN ILO has worked alongside ADF Careers Specialist Recruiting Team Indigenous and Defence Work Experience Program to build relationships with the local community, guiding and mentoring the younger and upcoming generation. In 2026, RAAF Edinburgh hosted 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 and attended multiple units, getting a hands-on exposure to the wide range of opportunities the RAAF and ADF can provide.

REGIONAL COMPLIANCE OFFICERS

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

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. 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 culturally respectful without disturbing the site. No photography is allowed in this space.

THE KEEPING PLACE

The Keeping Place is located central to RAAF EDN at the AAFCANS/Mess facility. This place houses five circles. These are a welcome circle, yarning/ceremonial circle, education circle, memorial circle and, lastly, a men's and women's space. For more information on these and what they represent, please come along to one of our yarning sessions or head down in your own time and learn from the signage at each circle explaining what they are.

Through base engagement with ILO induction training and the EDN SELT team, the Keeping Place is used to host meetings, visits and engagements. It is also used for monthly Yarn Sessions for anyone and everyone to come down and talk. These are currently held on the first Friday of each month.

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



PHOTO: LSI Susan Mossop

↑ **FLTLT Enchong briefs members of the Service Attachés and Advisers Group Engagement Program during a visit to RAAF Base Edinburgh.**



PHOTO: LACW Halley Hadfield

↑ **Army and Air Force members participate in a painting exercise during National Reconciliation Week at RAAF Base Edinburgh.**



PHOTO: SGT Nicci Freeman

↑ **Members of the Indigenous Youth Program participate in a team sport activity during their visit to RAAF Base Edinburgh**



PHOTO: ACW Halley Van Essen

↑ **From left, FLTLT Enchong, Governor of South Australia, Her Excellency the Hon. Frances Adamson AC and her husband Rod Buntten discussing the Keeping Place.**

SUPPORTING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY



↑ RAAF aviators donating blood.

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.

RED CROSS LIFEblood

Defence personnel have a long and proud history of stepping up when it matters most. Donating blood is another way to serve – one that makes a direct and immediate difference to people undergoing surgery, trauma care, cancer treatment and more.

Zoe Ross from Australian Red Cross Lifeblood says the impact of each donation cannot be overstated. “We rely on the commitment

of everyday Australians, including Defence personnel, to help ensure life-saving blood products are available where and when they’re needed,” she says. “Every donation matters, and we need your support.”

A Lifeblood mobile donor centre visits RAAF Base Edinburgh regularly, making it easy to donate during the workday and be part of a shared culture of service and community impact.

To donate at RAAF Edinburgh, you’ll need to pre-register due to site security requirements. To book your first appointment, call 13 14 95. Once your preferred donor centre is set to the Edinburgh site, you can book via the Lifeblood website or the Lifeblood app.

If you’re eligible, now is the time to act. Roll up your sleeve, book an appointment, and help save lives. To learn more, visit lifeblood.com.au.



PHOTO: GPCAPT Greg Weller

↑ A RAAF aviator visiting the Starlight ward at the Women’s and Children’s Hospital.

CHARITIES

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

DEFENCE AID TO THE CIVIL COMMUNITY

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

SUPPORTING COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

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

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.



↑ RAAF officers with Australian Air Force Cadets at the dedication of a new Air Force Memorial at the South Australian Aviation Museum (SAAM). The memorial initiative was led by AFA-SA with SAAM and RAAF Edinburgh to honour aviators lost in South Australian-related military aviation accidents since World War II.

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.

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 - South Australia (AFA-SA), South Australian Aviation Museum (SAAM) and the Heritage Trust of South Australia to preserve and promote 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. saam.org.au

WELCOME FROM THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE AND SPACE INDUSTRIES AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS



ON BEHALF OF THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT, welcome to South Australia. Whether you are joining the Edinburgh community for the first time, you've

been here for a while or returning for another posting, I am delighted to welcome you and your family to the Defence State.

The Edinburgh Defence Precinct is one of Australia's most important Defence hubs. Bringing together RAAF Base Edinburgh, the Defence Science and Technology Group and leading Defence companies, it plays a vital role in supporting Australia's security, driving innovation and creating skilled jobs for South Australians.

Our Defence and veteran community are at the heart of our Defence capability, and we're committed to helping them thrive. South Australia offers a welcoming lifestyle, strong local communities and opportunities to get involved in sport, recreation, volunteering and community events.

I encourage you to make the most of your

posting in South Australia. Take the time to look around, taste our food, drink our wine and enjoy the major events we host in this city. Why not try cage diving with the Great Whites off Port Lincoln, camping in the Flinders Ranges or the pristine wilderness on Kangaroo Island and Yorke Peninsula.

We want you and your families to feel a genuine sense of belonging and to build meaningful, lasting connections in the communities where you live.

Through Veterans SA, our lead government agency for veterans' affairs, we work with Defence, industry, academia, and the public and private sectors, alongside veteran-support organisations, local councils, sporting codes and community groups to support veterans and their families. Together, we strengthen wellbeing and community connections, support transition from service, and recognise the dedication and service of our veteran community.

Thank you for your service.

Chris Picton

**Minister for Defence and Space Industries
Minister for Veterans' Affairs**

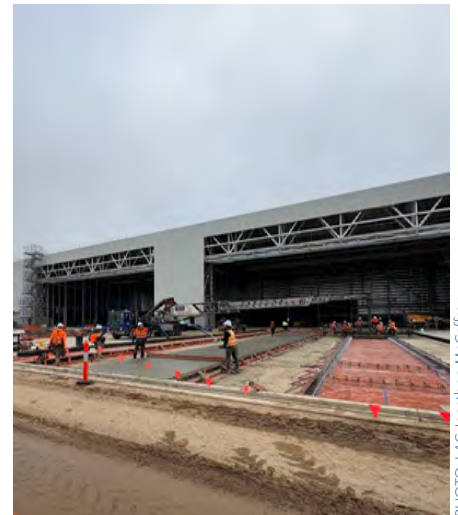


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↑ **The Deep Maintenance and Modification Facility at RAAF Base Edinburgh during the construction phase.**

↓ **Defence personnel and contractors at the official opening of the Deep Maintenance and Modification Facility at RAAF Base Edinburgh.**



PHOTO: LAC Jonathon McCaffrey



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

Airbus has an enduring presence at RAAF Base Edinburgh, initially supporting the P-3C Orion and now the P-8A Poseidon, the MC-55 Peregrine and the MQ-4C Triton. Airbus delivers extensive fixed-wing air services to the RAAF. The 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 MC-55A Peregrine and MQ-4C Triton aircraft supported from RAAF Edinburgh are powered by Rolls-Royce engines; the BR710 in the Peregrine and the Rolls-Royce AE 3007H in the Triton.

↑ The third RAAF MC-55A Peregrine lands for the first time at RAAF Base Edinburgh.

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.

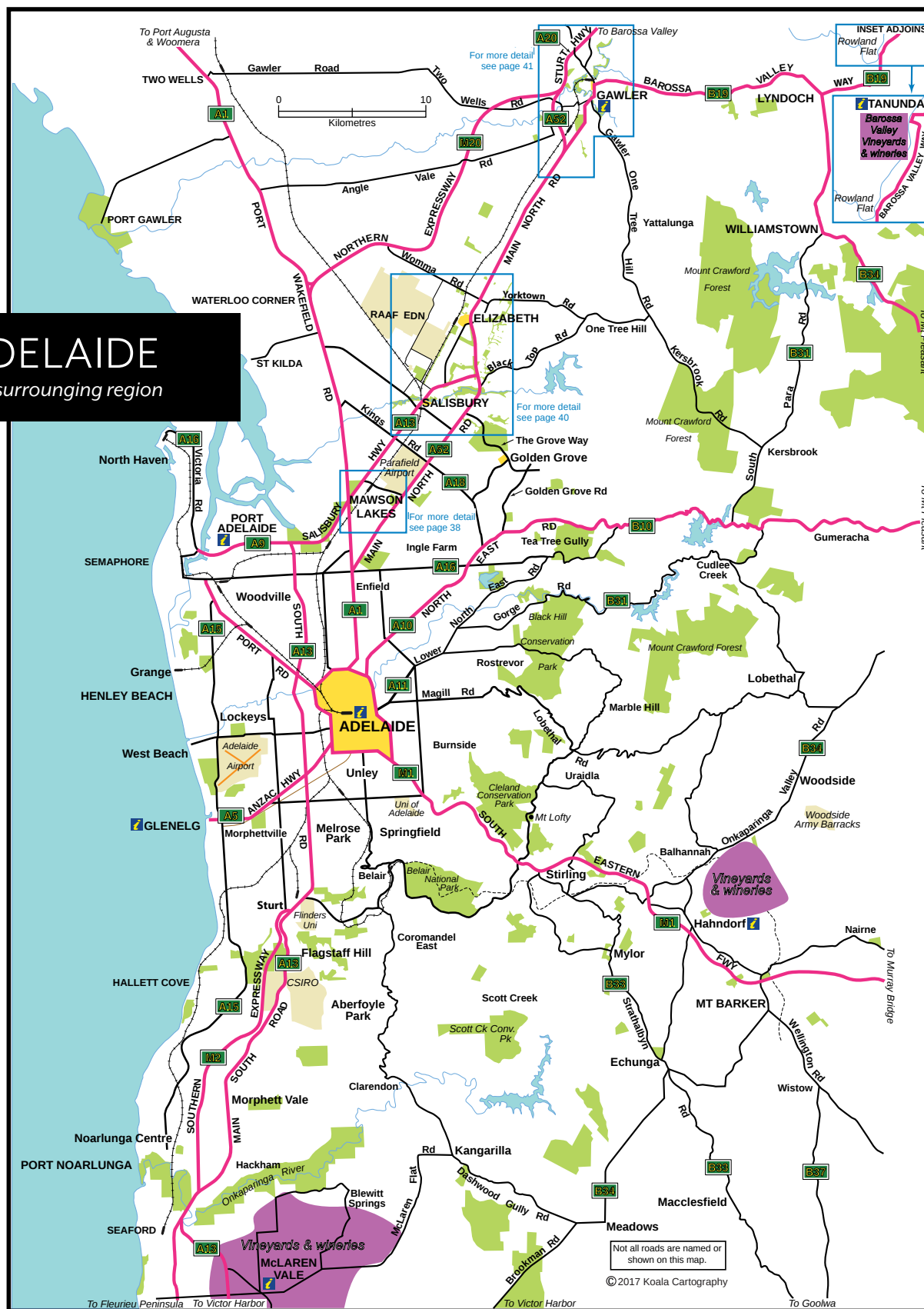
BOEING

Boeing Defence Australia (BDA) opened its first South Australian office in 2015 to support the introduction into service of the RAAF's Boeing-built P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft.

At RAAF Base Edinburgh, BDA employees support RAAF's P-8A Poseidon fleet, delivering project management, engineering, supply chain management, and aircraft maintenance and modification services.

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and surrounding region



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BRAHMA LODGE

SALISBURY HEIGHTS

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PARALOWIE

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TO GOLDEN GROVE

TO GAWLER

TO ADLAIDE & FREWAY

TO WESTERN SUBURBS

TO PARALOWIE

TO SALISBURY

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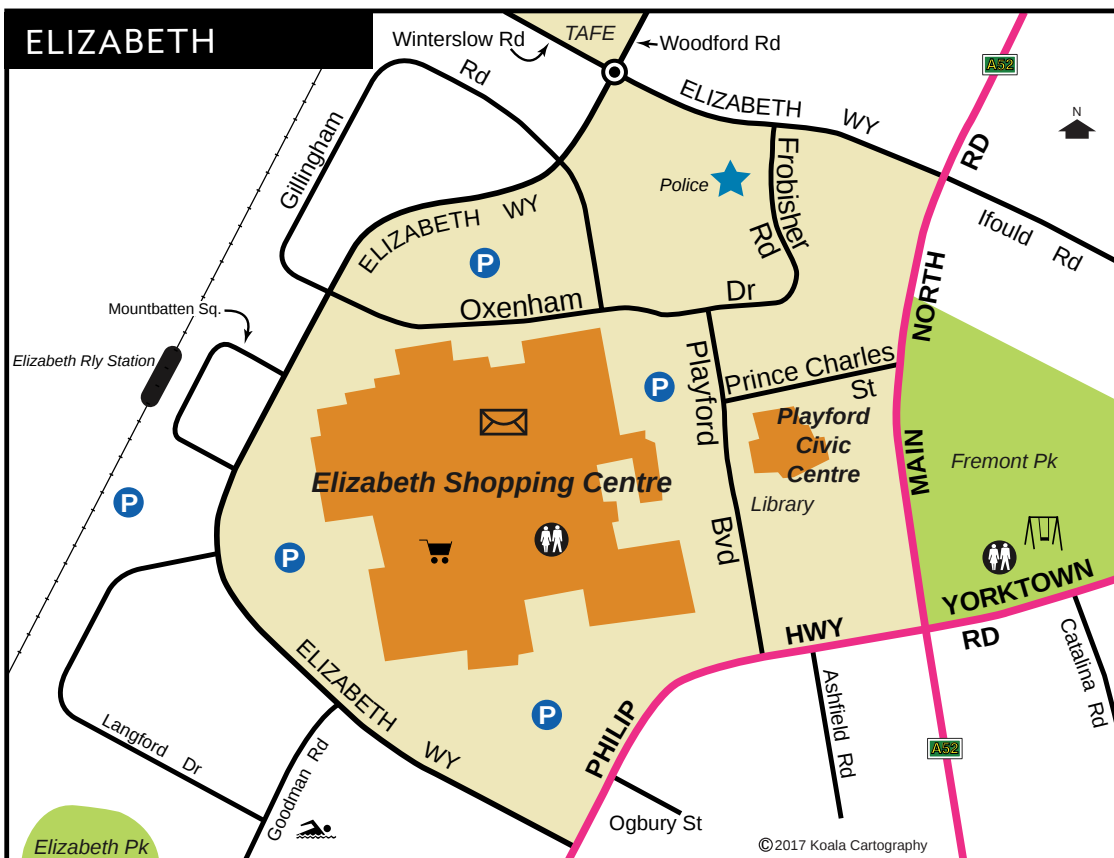
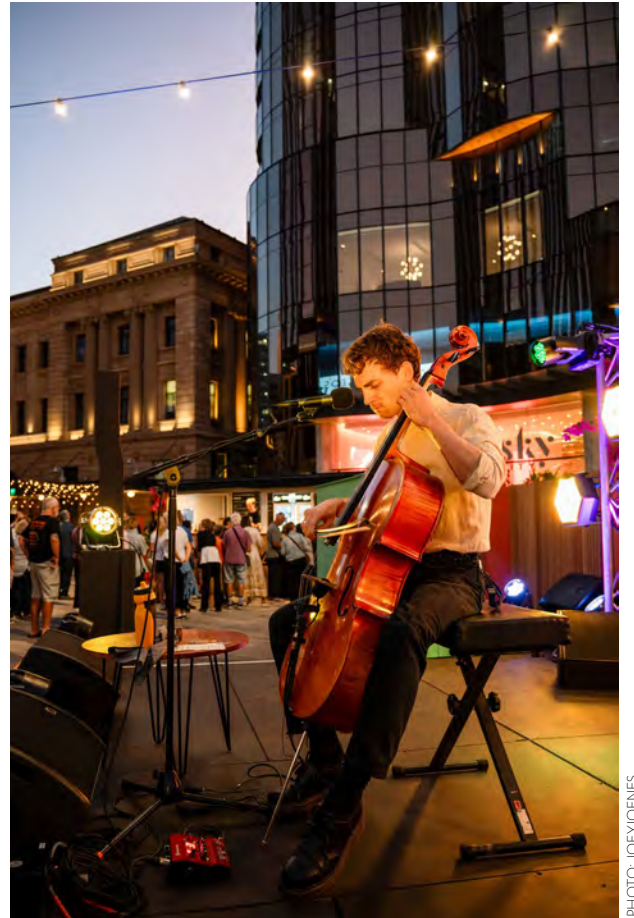
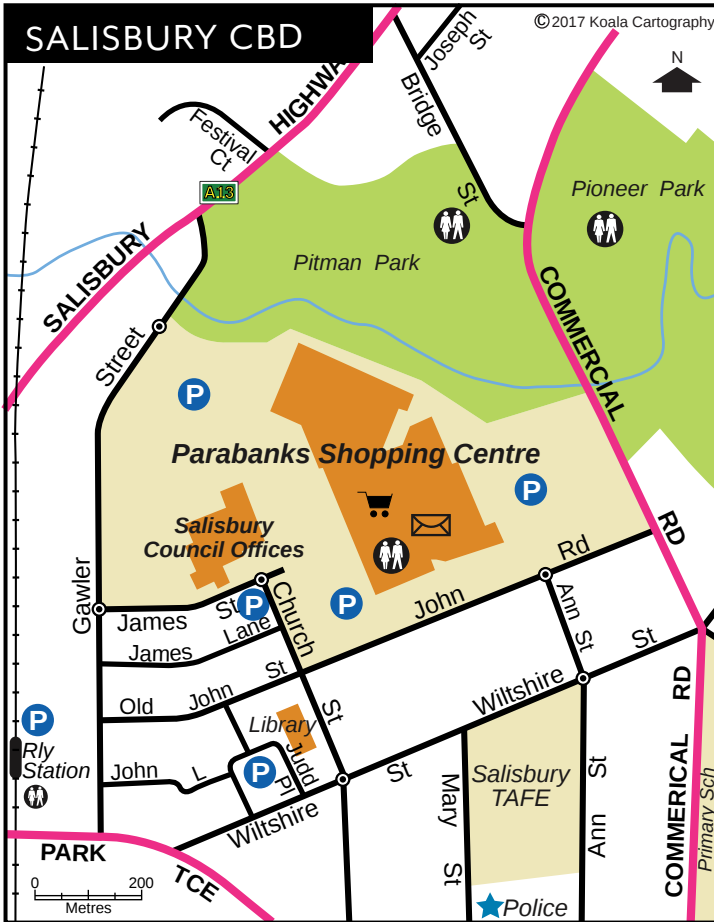
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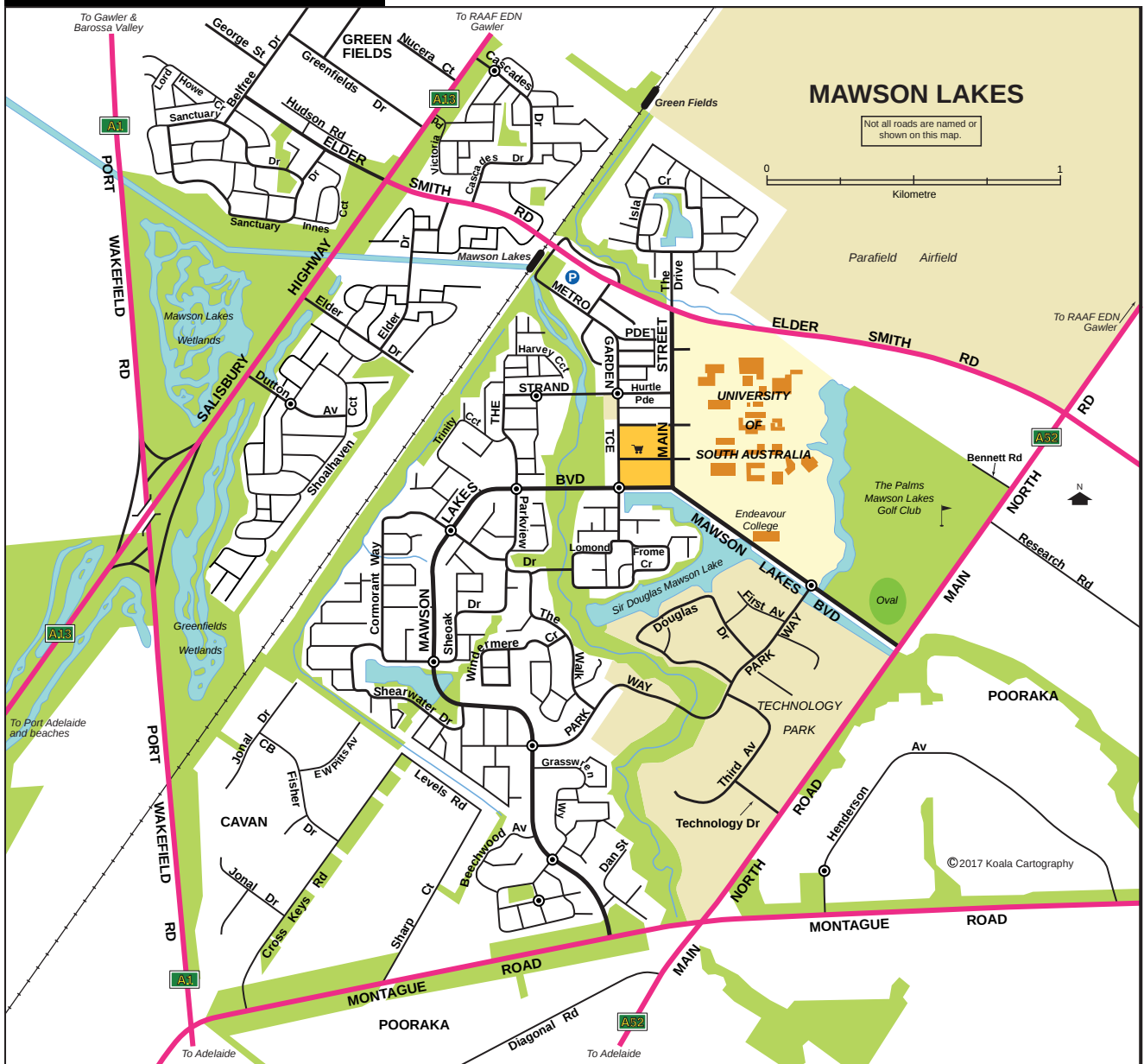
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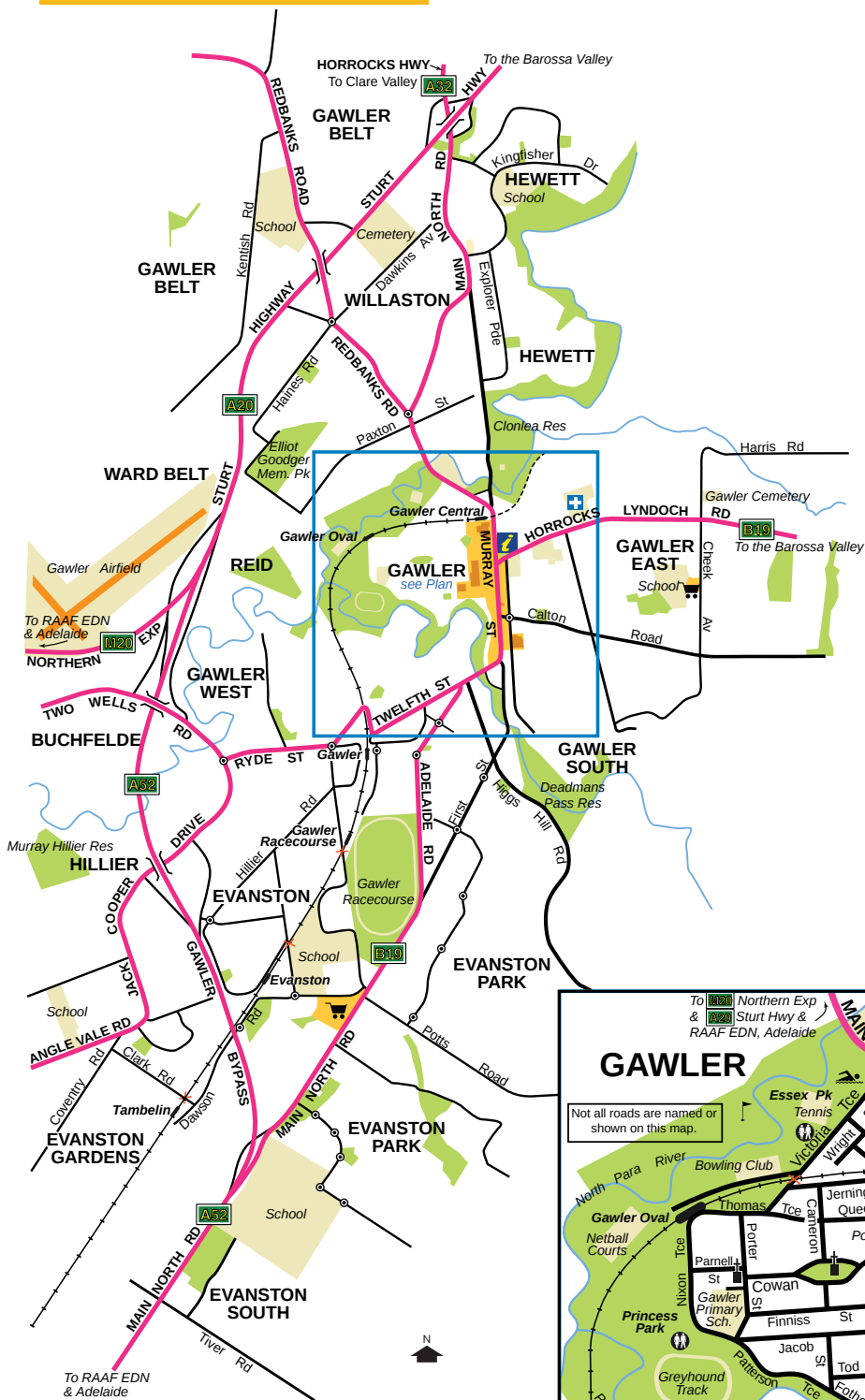
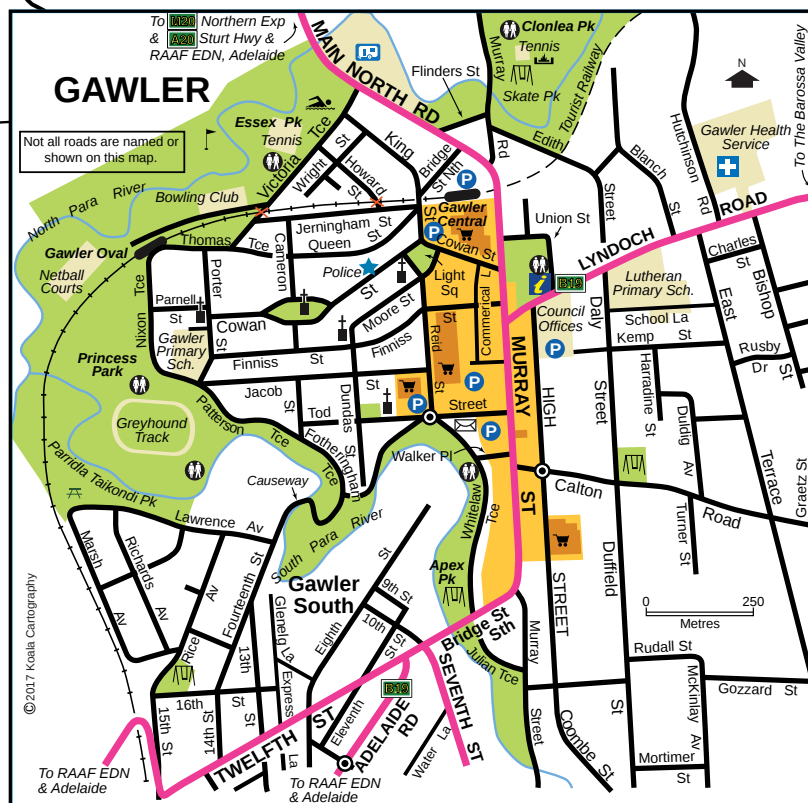


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AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION

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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



VETERANS

THE VETERAN COMMUNITY

Supporting our current and ex-serving veterans.

↑ Members of 4625QN with 102-year-old WWII Bomber Command veteran Howard Hendrick DFC at the 2025 Bomber Command Commemorative Service hosted by AFA-SA at the Air Force Memorial.

THE VETERAN COMMUNITY is a key part of the broader Edinburgh Defence community. As the majority of Edinburgh Defence staff are veterans, 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 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 EDP 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 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 major national commemoration events such as Anzac Day and Remembrance Day, they also support a variety of commemorations throughout the year.

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

Our Defence members are encouraged to be, and gain much benefit from being, a member of a veterans' organisation. 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. Today, the government invests more than \$11.5 billion

each year to support veterans and families. 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.

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 access to concessions from businesses across Australia. 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-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), industry and types of veteran employment

practices they have in place. Find out more at 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 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 help 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 Veteran Card to access the annual Veteran Health Check. 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. 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, not Defence employees. The Edinburgh Veteran Support Office is located with Base Services at building 304. For an appointment email vsos@vso.dva.gov.au. For general enquiries, DVA can be contacted (8am-5pm, Monday to Friday) on 1800 VETERAN (1800 838 372).



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Welcome to South Australia!

Calling South Australia home means belonging to a connected and thriving community where service is valued, supported and celebrated by all South Australians.

Enjoy short commutes, expansive green spaces ideal for an active lifestyle, access to world-class educational institutions and innovative industries that open doors to personal and professional growth.

In South Australia, you'll be part of a strong, well-connected veteran community united by shared experiences and mutual support.

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.

Veterans SA

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.

VETERANS SA

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 visit veteranssa.sa.gov.au and subscribe to the monthly e-newsletter. 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.

VETERAN FAMILY SUPPORT OFFICE

Leaving the ADF is a major life transition involving changes to identity, routine and community. For veterans and families, this period can feel uncertain, but early support and planning can make the move to civilian life more manageable and positive. The DVA Veteran Family Support Office (VFSO) helps veterans navigate services, opportunities and pathways with confidence,



PHOTO: Veteran SA

↑ Power Community Limited ADF Veterans Program at Port Adelaide Football Club.

supporting informed decisions and self-advocacy. It takes a whole-of-family approach, recognising that transition affects not only veterans but also those around them, and works with families to help them navigate change together.

From 1 July 2026, the new Veteran and Family Wellbeing Agency (VFWA) is providing a dedicated national entry point for trusted information and connection to services. Working closely with Defence and existing transition arrangements, the VFWA supports earlier planning and smoother handover into civilian life. It prioritises those leaving the ADF while remaining accessible to all veterans and families, including people who are not currently DVA clients.

VFSOs offer personalised, flexible assistance on base, in the community and through the Veterans' and Families' Hubs network. Support includes help with MyService and connecting veterans and families with wellbeing services and supports.

VFSOs coordinate support across the transition journey, so assistance remains connected, consistent and responsive to individual needs.

Transition is not something veterans and families need to face alone; support is available to help them move forward with confidence.

To learn more about support during transition, visit veteranwellbeing.gov.au.



AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION (SOUTH AUSTRALIA)

THE AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION (AFA) is Australia's only veterans'

organisation dedicated exclusively to Air Force veterans and their families. For more than 100 years, it has played an important role in advocating for Air Force veterans, including

those who serve today. The AFA-SA Division is committed to supporting the welfare of Air Force members and their families, while preserving their legacy for future generations.

Based at Torrens Parade Ground in the city, AFA-SA is well placed to:

- work with other veterans' organisations
- advocate to the South Australian Government and, through the AFA National Board, to the Australian Government
- coordinate Air Force ceremonies at Adelaide's Air Force Memorial.

We have two suburban branches: Mitcham and Elizabeth/Salisbury/Ubon.

Our Mission is to support the welfare of the Air Force family through advocacy, assistance, camaraderie and commemoration.

Advocacy. We advocate strongly for Air Force veterans, working with our national board, veterans' authorities and other veterans' organisations to protect the interests of veterans and their families.

Commemoration and heritage. We honour the service and sacrifice of those who served by conducting Air Force commemorations, promoting Air Force heritage, and educating South Australians about the Air Force story and the state's contribution. In 2025, AFA-SA led the development of a memorial at the South Australian Aviation Museum to honour aviators lost in South Australian related military aviation accidents since WWII.

Assistance. We recognise that Air Force veterans and their families may need support at times, and we are there to help when needed.

Camaraderie. We hold events and activities across Adelaide that keep Air Force veterans connected. Alongside supporting our older members, we value bringing younger and older veterans together to share stories, support one another, and provide mentorship.

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 SA's understanding of the Air Force story and the state's contribution to that story.

More information. facebook.com/raafasa; afasa.org.au; 08 8227 0980; enquiry@afasa.org.au



"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".

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. Recently Legacy made changes to its code, which widens its ability to help the families of veterans. Legacy will now support families of former permanent ADF members and reservists who have served on continuous full-time duty, irrespective of the nature of their service, allowing thousands more to be welcomed into Legacy's care.

"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."

"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. Or, if you feel your family, or a family you know, could be helped by Legacy, please also contact us."

Contact. 08 8231 9812; reception@legacysa.org.au; LegacySA.org.au.

SOLDIER ON

Soldier On is a national not-for-profit organisation delivering holistic support services that enable current and former ADF personnel and their families to build fulfilling civilian lives. Participants can access a range of events, as well as free programs, services and activities, structured through the HELP model:

Health and wellbeing. Supporting physical and mental health through tailored programs and services.

Employment support. Providing career guidance, skills development, personalised mentoring and pathways into employment.

Learning and education. Building confidence and capability through training and education.

Participation and connection. Fostering social connection through regular activities such as coffee catch-ups, family fun days, games nights, social golf days, volunteer opportunities and the annual March On Challenge.

Some veterans choose to remain involved with Soldier On as volunteers and ambassadors – contributing their lived experience, supporting peers and helping shape programs that reflect the needs of the community. soldieron.org.au

When service comes to an end, family struggles can start.

Legacy can make a world of difference.

There is a saying - It's not just the member that serves, it's the whole family. Legacy South Australia and Broken Hill is here to help those spouses and children of deceased and medically discharged veterans. Unlike many other ex service organisations, our focus is on the family - helping them thrive, not just survive.

You've been through a lot already; let's do this next bit together.



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LOCAL SERVICES

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

THE EDINBURGH DEFENCE PRECINCT is 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; and 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, banks, restaurants, cafes and a cinema complex. Salisbury Community Hub, 34 Church Street. 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 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 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 sa.gov.au/topics/emergencies-and-safety

LIBRARIES

THE CITY OF SALISBURY has five library branches. 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 services, from childcare to medical to sports teams, visit sacommunity.org and search by council area service.



Rebel Ford



Welcome to Rebel Ford

For over 60 years, Rebel Ford has specialised in selling and servicing new Ford vehicles and used cars in Elizabeth, South Australia. It is our aim to provide the best in customer service and to ensure you have the best experience here with us at our Ford dealership. Our team at Rebel Ford are experts when it comes to the Ford range of vehicles, Ford Ranger, Ranger PHEV, Ranger Super Duty, Ranger Raptor, Mustang, Everest, Mach-E, Tourneo, Transit, and Transit Custom. We're ready to take you on a test drive, book you in to a service, or just talk you through the best features of your favourite Ford vehicle.

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Contact us today on 08 7079 2089 or come and see us at our Ford dealership.

Defence Member and Family Support



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. This support can include: 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. Childcare Connect services supports Defence families locate suitable childcare options available in their local area.

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.

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

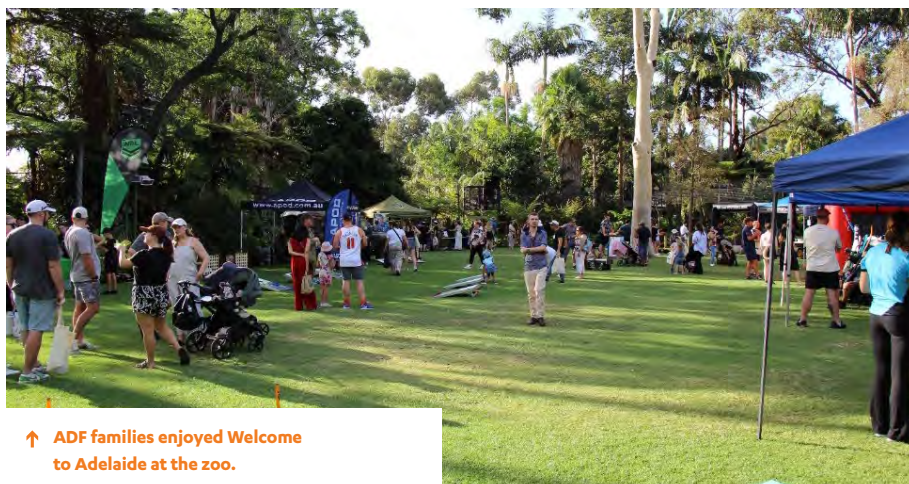
Website defence.gov.au/adf-members-families

DMFS SOUTH AUSTRALIA WELCOME EXPO 2027

DMFS South Australia Welcome Event is due to be held in the first quarter of 2027. 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 code for our Eventbrite page and e-newsletter mailing list.



↑ ADF families enjoyed Welcome to Adelaide at the zoo.



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 ADF 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:

- domain.com.au/rent
- rent.com.au
- property.com.au/rent
- realestate.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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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 dental, mental health, ambulance transport and hospitalisation. ADF members do not need a Medicare card.

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Dental sick parade (by appointment)
Mon-Fri, 7.30am-2.30pm

WOOMERA CLINIC

Medical appointments 08 8673 7100,
jhuca.edinburghhc@defence.gov.au

Open Mon-Fri 9am-3pm

roxbyfamilydoctors.com.au

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 to go for 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 that fall under the Medicare Benefits Schedule. Specialist services will also be reimbursed, up to a total of \$800 per dependent per year, 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

- accg.gov.au/consumers/specific-products-and-activities/private-health-insurance
- privatehealth.gov.au
- choice.com.au/money/insurance/health

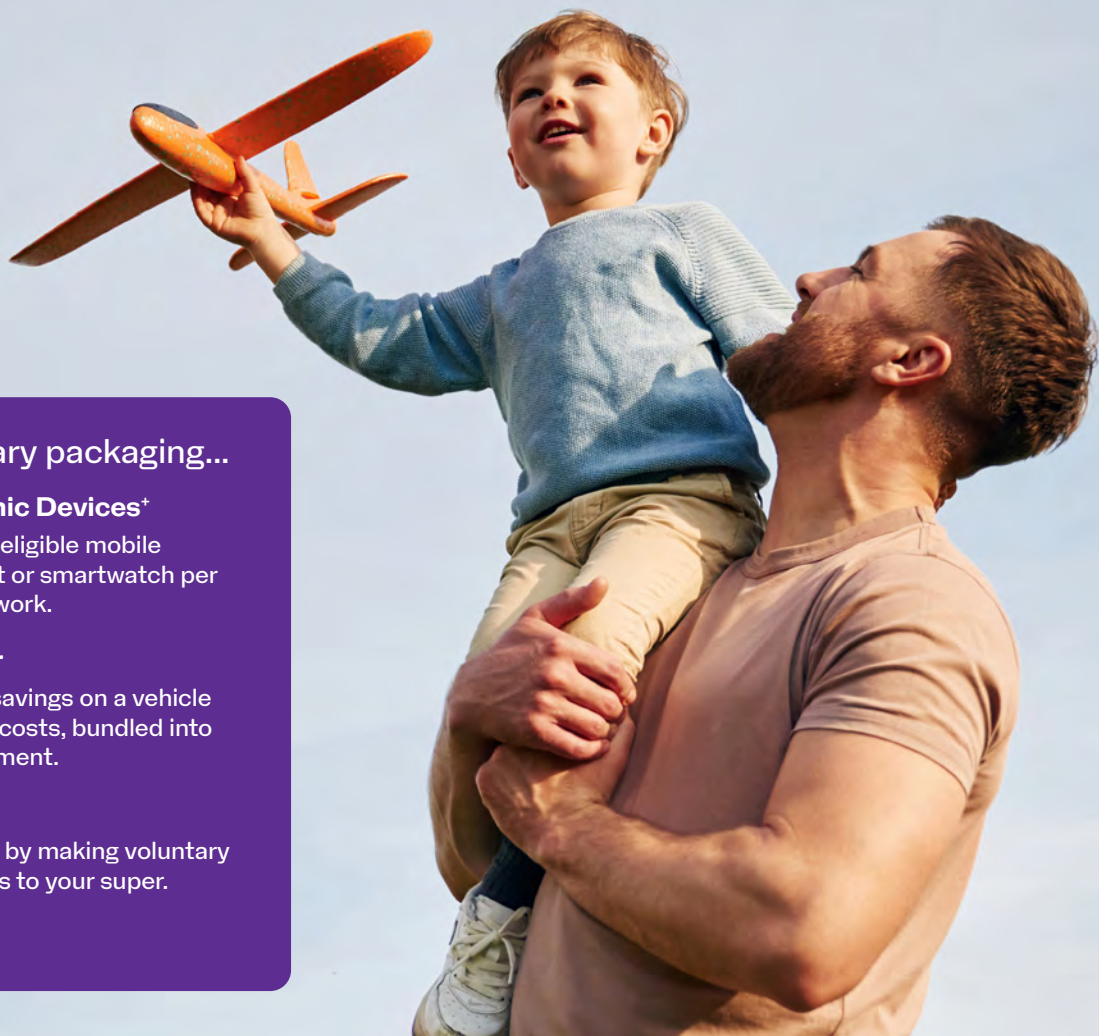
Medicare Levy

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

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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.

A S WELL AS PROVIDING CARE, childcare and early learning services provide an opportunity for your child to develop social, emotional and learning skills. A range of care and play-based learning options is available for babies and children up to six years of age. Some childcare providers also offer before- and after-school care to school-aged children. 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 childcare centre, early learning centre, kindergarten or preschool. Long day care may also be provided by a carer in your home – through a nanny or babysitting services or through the Family Day Care scheme in the carer's home. startingblocks.gov.au

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.

Family day care offers care during work hours, before/after school, during school holidays, overnight and weekends. Some educators offer drop-off and pick-up services.

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 childcare option that can operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week
- A choice of educators so parents can decide who best suits them and their child
- May be eligible for the 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.
- 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 childcare 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 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 childcare centre or family day care. It enables parents to book 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 eligible families pay. You can apply for the Child Care Subsidy 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. ndis.gov.au

MORE INFORMATION

To find child care services:

startingblocks.gov.au/find-child-care

For more advice:

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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



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- 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 Exploring Identities and Futures (10 credits), English (20 credits), Mathematics (10 credits) and Activating Identities and Futures (10 credits). Students can undertake these compulsory requirements with a focus for the industry area of their VET qualification. Students should explore different industries before choosing a VET course, see skills.sa.gov.au.

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, or parenting. 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, or online.

MORE INFORMATION

education.sa.gov.au

SA SCHOOL DATES FOR 2027

Dates apply to South Australian public schools.

Dates for Catholic and independent schools may vary.

Term 1	Wednesday 27 January	Friday 9 April
Term 2	Monday 26 April	Friday 2 July
Term 3	Monday 19 July	Friday 24 September
Term 4	Monday 11 October	Friday 10 December
Summer holidays	Monday 13 December	Friday 28 January 2028



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

SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS

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

DEFENCE MEMBER AND FAMILY SUPPORT

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

ADF EQUIP

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

EDUCATION LIAISON OFFICERS

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

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

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

DEFENCE SCHOOL MENTORS

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

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

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

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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TIME OUT

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

ADELAIDE CITY

WHETHER YOU'RE INTO FOOD AND DRINK, the arts, sport or heritage, central Adelaide has plenty to offer. Surrounded by

parklands, the compact city is laid out in a neat grid, which makes it easy to navigate.

GETTING AROUND

From the Adelaide Railway Station, 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 (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), the Centre of Democracy (centreofdemocracy.sa.gov.au) and the Adelaide University's MOD futuristic museum (mod.org.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, bordered by the Botanic Park and River Torrens. 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

↑ Paddling on the River Torrens.

PHOTO: JOEY JOENES

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 70 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. 44-60 Gouger Street Adelaide. Open Tue-Sat. adelaidecentralmarket.com.au

ADELAIDE RIVERBANK

Covering 380ha around the River Torrens, the Adelaide Riverbank hosts 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 Adelaide 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 (adelaideinternational.com.au). Take a cruise along the river from Elder Park Landing on Popeye (thepopeye.com.au) or hire a paddleboat from Captain Jolleys (captainjolleys.com.au).

EATING OUT

Adelaide is known for its award-winning restaurants. 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 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.

MORE INFORMATION:

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



Central Market. PHOTO: Josh Geelen



La Louisiane. PHOTO: Harry Winnall Photography

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.

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ENTERTAINMENT

ADELAIDE FESTIVAL

The annual festival presents a mix of internationally acclaimed theatre, music, dance, writers and visual arts. The 2027 festival will run from 25 February to 14 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 19 February to 21 March. adelaidefringe.com.au

WOMADELAIDE

WOMADEelaide – 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. WOMADEelaide 2026 will run from 5-8 March. womadelelaide.com.au

ILLUMINATE ADELAIDE

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

AFL GATHER ROUND

An annual festival of footy, where all 18 Australian Rules Football teams descend on South Australia to play a full round of premiership matches in and around Adelaide. afl.com.au/gather-round

LIV GOLF ADELAIDE

The festival-style professional golf tournament sponsored by LIV Golf will be held at Kooyonga Golf Club, 18-21 March 2027. livgolf.com



Adelaide Oval. PHOTO: SATC

ADELAIDE 500

The bp Adelaide Grand Final (officially known as the Adelaide 500) is Australia's largest domestic motorsport event. Held on a street circuit in the Adelaide Park Lands, it is the championship-deciding season finale for the Repco Supercars Championship. 26-29 November 2026. adelaidegrandfinal.com.au

SANTOS TOUR DOWN UNDER

The global season opener of cycling's UCI World Tour is held in January across Adelaide and regional South Australia. It features men's and women's professional cycling teams alongside the largest Festival of Cycling in the Southern Hemisphere. 16-24 January 2027, tourdownunder.com.au

ADELAIDE EQUESTRIAN FESTIVAL

Australia's premier equine event and the only five-star equestrian competition in the Southern Hemisphere is held annually in the heart of the Adelaide Park Lands. It features top-tier dressage, cross-country and show jumping alongside family entertainment, food, and trade stalls. 15-18 April 2027. adelaideequestrianfestival.com

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 PLANETARIUM

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



PHOTO: Adelaide Equestrian Festival



PHOTO: South Australian Tourism Commission (SATC)

↑ Santos Tour Down Under, Men's Stage 1.

NATURE & WILDLIFE

Myponga Reservoir Reserve, Fleurieu Peninsula. PHOTO: John Montesi



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, Craferes. clelandwildlifepark.sa.gov.au

MONARTO SAFARI PARK

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



PHOTO: Adrian Mann

↑ Meerkats, Monarto Safari Park.

ST KILDA MANGROVE TRAIL

A 400m elevated boardwalk from Mangrove Street in southern St Kilda takes you through tidal salt marshes, mangroves and sea grass channels to a lookout across the Barker Inlet. The trail is open daily, 9am and 4pm (except Christmas Day), but you need to obtain an access gate key from the kiosk (Tackle & Tucker) near the St Kilda Adventure Playground. The 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 Heyson Trail runs from Cape Jervis, about 100km southwest of Adelaide, north through the Adelaide Hills and Barossa Valley to Parachilna Gorge in the Flinders Ranges. Sections can be done as day walks, but many are closed during the bushfire season (November to April). heysentrail.asn.au

RAIL TRAILS

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

THE MURRAY RIVER

A bit over an hour's drive east from Edinburgh, the Murray is SA's largest waterway and offers plenty of water activities. Take a cruise or hire a houseboat to explore at leisure. Paddle through backwaters, creeks and lagoons on one of the many dedicated kayak and canoe trails or, if walking or cycling is more your style, try a section of the 450km Murray Coorong Trail. themurrayriver.com

LOCAL TRAILS

Little Para River Trail (16.5km), runs from the escarpments to the east of Northern Adelaide to Barker Inlet in the west. Remnants of natural landscapes along the river include eucalyptus 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 Martinhi Yala shared-use path (16.7km) runs alongside the Northern Connector motorway. In the south, the path connects to the Port River Bikeway (7.6km). In the north, it connects to the Stuart O'Grady Bikeway (22.6km).

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

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

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

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



PHOTO: Tourism Australia / SATC

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 550 grape growers and 170 wine brands, the Barossa is home to the biggest names in Australian wine, including Penfolds (Grange) and Henschke (Hill of Grace), along with other well-known labels. 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 breweries, distilleries, pubs, cafes and restaurants. 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



PHOTO: South Australian Tourism Commission

↑ Paxton Wines cellar door, McLaren Vale.

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

BEACHES

STRETCHED ALONG ST VINCENT GULF,

Adelaide has a wealth of beaches within easy reach (most are less than 30 minutes from the city centre). The further up the gulf you go, the more protected the beaches, making them ideal for children. The metropolitan beaches are popular for windsurfing, kite surfing and paddle boarding. South of the city, the water is more open and there are some surf beaches.

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

West Beach offers the added attraction of Australia's largest aerial challenge course, West Beach Adventure Park (westbeachadventure.com.au), while neighbouring **Henley Beach** has a wide sandy beach with cafes and restaurants around a grassed square.



Rapid Bay, Fleurieu Peninsula. PHOTO: @domandjesso

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 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** (fleurieupeninsula.com.au) are popular for surfing and body boarding.

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.

← The first Australian-manufactured Guided Multiple Launch Rocket System missiles are test fired at the Woomera Test Range.



PHOTO: Kym Smith/Defence

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 Advanced Test and Training Environments Directorate (ATTED), 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.

ADVANCED TEST & TRAINING ENVIRONMENTS DIRECTORATE

Advanced Test and Training Environments Directorate (ATTED) 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. Approximately 100 RAAF uniformed and civilian personnel make up ATTED with personnel located at RAAF Edinburgh and Woomera. 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 test range activities. Edinburgh-based personnel regularly deploy to Woomera to supplement the permanent detachment as operational tasking requires.

HOUSING & ACCOMMODATION

Unlike other Defence bases, the housing at Woomera is not managed by Defence Housing Authority (DHA), rather all housing is managed by the 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 electric 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 ISS 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 ISS. Defence personnel posted to Woomera are supported by remote-locality and remote-leave travel allowances.

ICT Services

The Telstra 4G network is available and provides the best coverage in and around Woomera. It is recommended that you liaise with your service provider to confirm their mobile coverage offered in Woomera. Satellite internet services (e.g. Star Link) provide the fastest and most reliable ICT service in Woomera, especially during peak periods. Hardware and subscription must be provided by the member.



PHOTO: NAA

← 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

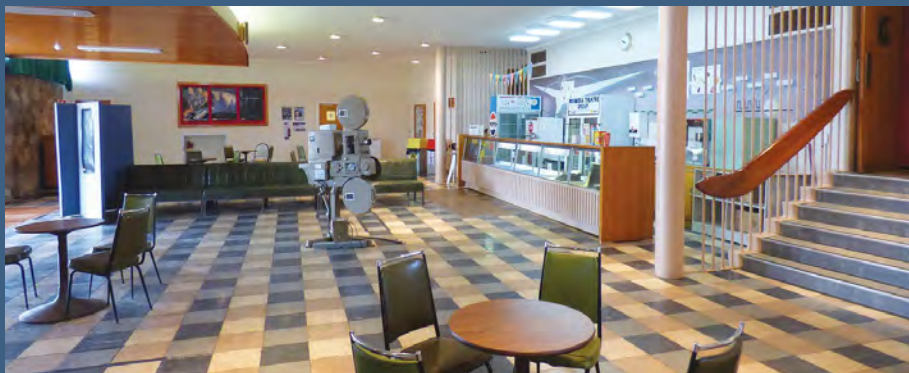
RAAF Base Woomera is a remote location and the village (domestic area) has a permanent population of approximately 100 people, consisting of Defence (RAAF and APS), their families and civilian contractors. It offers the basic and essential services needed. Living in the village is comfortable. However, being remote does limit availability to common services found in larger regional centres.

Commercial venues

ISS 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 cafe-style breakfasts (from 5am) 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, Mon-Thu 11am-5pm and Frid 11am-4pm, phone 08 8673 7275.

The nearest regional centres are Roxby Downs



(86km north) and Port Augusta (175km south), which offer a range of shopping outlets and services. The distance from WMA to the Adelaide CBD is 495km.

Pimba (6km south), a small township known as Spuds Roadhouse, 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 virtual 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. There is also a local SA Police Station that is manned full time.

Sporting facilities

Woomera has two football ovals (one owned by the Woomera Area School), a fitness centre, outdoor basketball, beach volleyball, netball, tennis and squash courts and an outdoor swimming centre. The pool operates in the warmer months and is closed in winter. 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.



↑ Woomera swimming pool.

The small Woomera community provides the 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 see **woomera.sa.edu.au** or contact the principal, Mrs Ann O'Sullivan, on 08 86 737 287 or Ann.OSullivan777@schools.sa.edu.au.

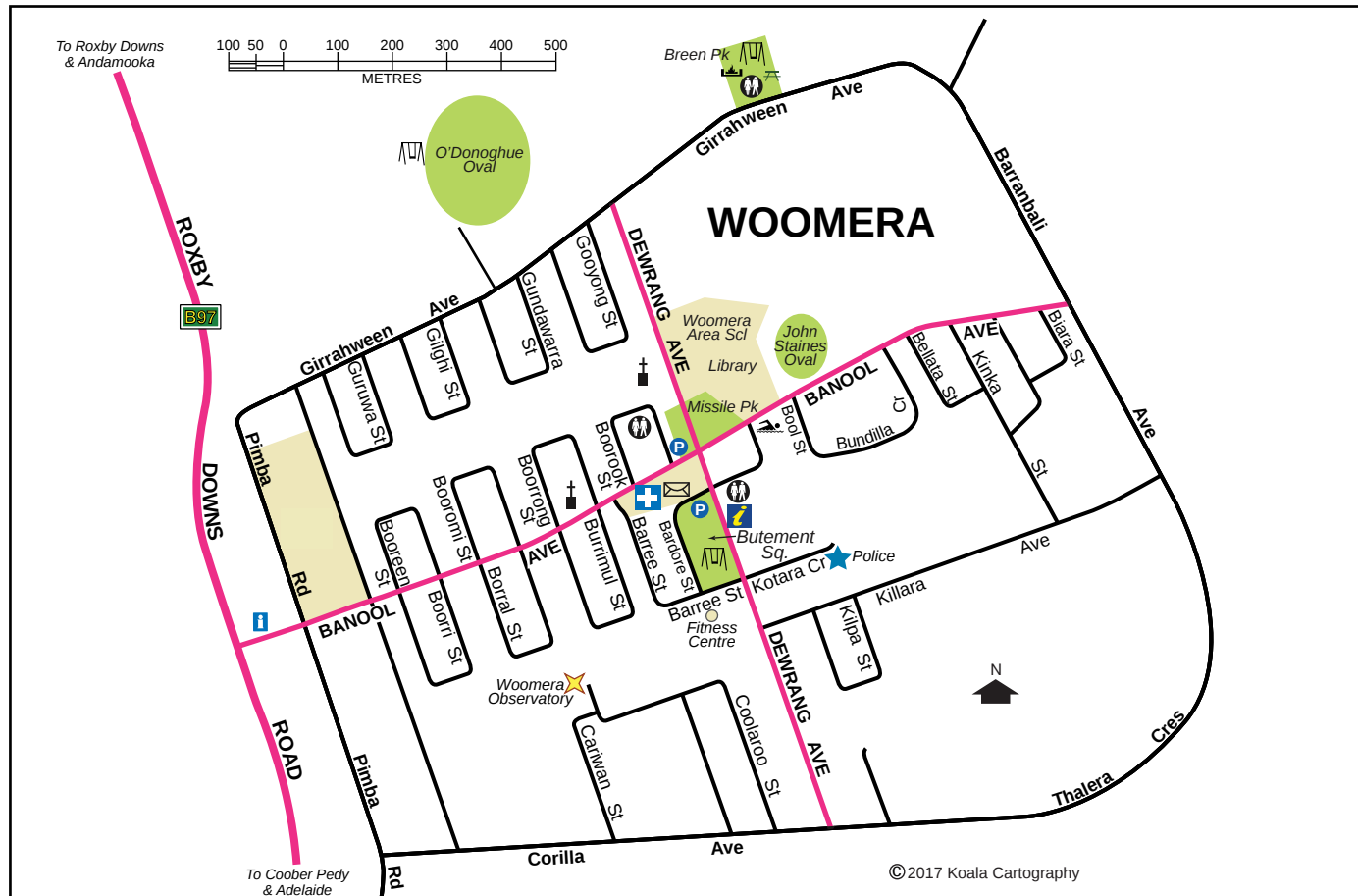
Roxby Downs has a population of 2,500 and has a large public school and Catholic private school.

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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EDUCATION

BLAKES CROSSING CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Blakes Crossing Christian College (BCCC) is a non-denominational Christian school for students in Reception to Year 12. Students are offered a diverse education program which has a very strong focus on literacy and numeracy in the early years. And critical to every part of the program are our biblical Christian foundations. At BCCC, students develop a passion for lifelong learning that values creativity, excellence, resilience and faith.

CONTACT 08 7372 8100, office@bccc.sa.edu.au, 14 Boucaut Ave, Blakeview, bccc.sa.edu.au



HOPE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Located in Craigmore, less than 8km from Edinburgh, this R-12 school partners with families to provide a safe, nurturing environment where every student is known, valued and encouraged to thrive. Strong academic foundations in the primary years are complemented by diverse senior pathways tailored to individual strengths and aspirations. Grounded in the gospel of Jesus Christ, the school is committed to developing the whole child, equipping young people with the confidence, character and skills to flourish in life.

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.

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CONTACT 08 7427 3388, playford.director@roseberryhouse.com.au, roseberryhouse.com.au



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.

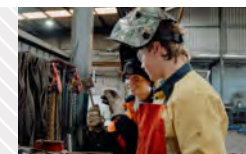
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ST PATRICK'S TECHNICAL COLLEGE

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



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



XAVIER COLLEGE

Moving to a new area can be tough, especially for Defence families. At Xavier College, we recognise this, which is why our Defence School Mentor, Laura Cooper, is here to help you and your children settle into our school community.

With Laura herself being part of a Defence family, she ensures students and their families quickly feel a sense of belonging. Her unique insight and personal experience help create a smooth transition and a warm welcome, making Xavier College a school that truly understands and supports Defence families.

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 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.

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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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