

DEFENCE COMMUNITY ORGANISATION

*The Defence Community Organisation
Defence capability by delivering family
services, information and programs to
commanders of the Australian Defence*



DCO supports ADF families in peace and war

WELCOME TO SOUTH AUSTRALIA



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Welcome to South Australia

This Welcome Book has been prepared by the Defence Community Organisation (DCO) for Defence personnel and their families posting to South Australia.

The book captures a wide range of general and local information to assist you to settle into your new location. South Australia has a lot to offer you, making this a posting with many exciting opportunities.

We have endeavoured to include as much information as possible in this guide, however if you have specific needs or require further information, please feel free to contact us. A list of essential services and useful contact numbers is included at the back of the book.

Your local DCO team hopes you enjoy your posting, and we look forward to being of assistance to you.

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Defence Support Services

Defence Community Organisation (DCO)

How We Can Assist You

On behalf of Command, DCO delivers a broad range of targeted programs and services to support Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel and their families to balance the demands of military service with personal and family commitments.

Your local DCO team is staffed by Social Workers, Military Support Officers, Regional Education Liaison Officers, Family Liaison Officers, Community Development Officers and administrative staff who are available to assist you and your family through the provision of:

- support in time of crisis
- information on Defence matters in general
- advice on community, recreational and interest groups
- deployment support
- mobility support
- professional counselling for personal, relationship and family problems
- various courses, information sessions and support groups
- specialist education advice and assistance
- special needs recognition and review
- employment assistance
- childcare assistance.

Upon your arrival, please contact our staff if you would like further information not covered in this publication, or if you would like to be linked to local Defence and community activities and support groups.

Where to Find Us

To ensure greater access for our clients and Command, we are located across several regions in Adelaide. The easiest way to contact us is via Keswick Barracks Office.

Building 60, Health Centre Building
Keswick Barracks
Anzac Hwy
Keswick SA 5035
Tel: (08) 8305 6231
Fax: (08) 8305 6122
Email: dco.southaustralia@defence.gov.au

DCO South Australia (SA) Outreach Locations are:

- Edinburgh Precinct
- Woodside Barracks

We can also attend other bases/barracks as required by Command.

DCO Website

The DCO website (Internet: www.defence.gov.au/dco) provides Defence families with ready access to information on a broad range of topics relevant to ADF members and their families.

After Hours Emergency Support

The DCO office is open from 8.30 am to 5.00 pm, Monday to Friday. All requests for emergency DCO assistance outside these hours and on public holidays should be directed to the National Welfare Coordination Centre (NWCC) on Tel: 1800 801 026.

NWCC will not transfer callers directly to DCO but, where necessary, will pass a request for assistance to a DCO Duty Officer who will return the call. DCO assistance out of hours is available in emergency situations only. Any non-emergency cases are referred for follow-up assistance during normal business hours.

Chaplains

RAAF Chaplains

Coord Chaplain SQNLDR Robert Paget
Tel: (08) 7383 2243

Chaplain Mark Butler
Tel: (08) 7383 2355

Chaplain Emergency Contact
Tel: 0438 761 403

Army Chaplains

Keswick/Hampstead/Warradale/Port Wakefield/
Edinburgh Precinct
Coord Chaplain Ross Tucker (Central Region)
Tel: (08) 8305 6866

Chaplain David Prior 7RAR
Tel: (08) 8389 0344 or 0400 398 005

Chaplain Andrew Margetson 16 AD
Tel: (08) 8389 0344

Navy Chaplain

Chaplain Graham Pitman RANR
Tel: (08) 8353 1344 or 0421 063 107

National Welfare Coordination Centre (NWCC)

NWCC has been established to provide a 24-hour, seven-day-a-week point of contact and information service for families of personnel deployed or in support of operations and designated exercises.

Tel: 1800 801 026

ADF Mental Health Strategy All-hours Support Line

The all-hours support line is designed to help any ADF member and their family to access the support they are entitled to receive from the ADF, or to help identify mental health services available in their general community. Services include psychology support, medical assistance, and access to social workers and chaplains. It is a confidential service and callers can choose to remain anonymous. ADF members posted overseas can access this service.

Within Australia
Tel: 1800 628 036

Outside Australia
Tel: +61 8 9425 3878

Regular Defence Force Welfare Association (RDFWA)

The Regular Defence Force Welfare Association (RDFWA) is a volunteer organisation that aims to provide present and past regular Defence Force personnel and their families with information and assistance in all aspects of welfare within the service community.

Membership to the RDFWA is open to all those who are serving or who have served the nation in the ADF on regular appointments. Membership is also open to the wives or widows of past and present serving members.

Assistance is provided to its members through the preparation of cases to go before the Administrative Review Tribunal, and in other legal processes. Personal assistance of this nature is one of the most important services provided by the association to its

members. There is also a 'Relief Trust Fund', which is available for those in necessitous circumstances.

For further details, please contact RDFWA.
PO Box 376
Ingle Farm SA 5098

Defence Establishments

Navy

Navy Headquarters South Australia (NHQ-SA) is located at Keswick Barracks, which is close to the city of Adelaide – approximately 25 minutes from Port Adelaide and 40 minutes from the TECHPORT precinct at Os-borne, which is home to ASC and the AWD project. NHQ-SA is also responsible for Birkenhead Naval Yard, located in Port Adelaide, which is home to Naval Reserve Diving Team 9 and Naval Reserve Cadet Unit, Training Ship (TS) Adelaide.

The Commanding Officer (CO) NHQ-SA is responsible for overseeing all general Navy matters and representing the Navy's interests in the state.

There are approximately 80 permanent Royal Australian Navy (RAN) personnel attached to outstations, including: the Air Warfare Destroyer Project; Joint Electronic Warfare Operational Support Unit; Defence Science and Technology Organisation (DSTO); and 1 Radar Surveillance Unit at Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) Edinburgh – as well as those posted to the Collins-class submarines completing sea trials off South Australia, or in maintenance. There are also home-ported Navy families living in South Australia.

Army

Edinburgh Precinct

In South Australia there are two main Army precincts, the Metropolitan Adelaide Region and Edinburgh Precinct. The Army Area Representative – SA is located at Keswick Barracks.

Metropolitan Adelaide Region

Keswick Barracks
Warradale Barracks
Woodside Barracks
Port Wakefield
Smithfield
Hampstead Barracks
Edinburgh Precinct

RAAF

Edinburgh Precinct

Edinburgh Precinct consists of RAAF Base Edinburgh, along with the Defence Science and Technology Organisation (DSTO), and is located on the site of the Salisbury wartime munitions factory.

The RAAF Base today consists of operational squadrons and support units.

Education

Regional Education Liaison Officer (REDLO)

The Regional Education Liaison Officer (REDLO) can provide you with information and advice about the education system in your posting locality, and Education Allowances available through Defence.

The DCO booklet, *Education South Australia*, is available from the REDLO and contains information about all levels of education in South Australia. It also covers services available for children with special needs, information on changing schools and details of the Education Assistance Scheme.

Defence School Transition Aide (DSTA) Program

The Department of Defence funds the Defence School Transition Aide Program in a number of schools in South Australia. Defence School Transition Aides (DSTA Primary) and Defence Transition Mentors (DTM, Secondary) are employed to assist ADF children and families as they relocate to a new school.

They may:

- organise activities that welcome and farewell ADF families and help them settle into the new school community
- provide support to students who may have a parent absent from home for Service reasons
- assist the school to understand the needs of ADF parents and their children
- help provide access to school support for children families with special needs
- assist families to transition in and out of schools on posting

- act as a point of contact for ADF families in the new school location.

The DSTA and DTM provide support to all Defence children at the school should they seek or require assistance. It is not intended that the DSTA work with one child on a long-term basis.

Contact the REDLO for further information.

REDLO SA

Tel: (08) 8305 6648

Email: redlo.sa@defence.gov.au

Useful Contacts

Department of Education and Children's Services (DECS)

31 Flinders St, Adelaide

Tel: (08) 8226 1000 or 1800 088 158 (freecall)

Email: decscustomers@sa.gov.au

Internet: www.decs.sa.gov.au

Association of Independent Schools of South Australia

Tel: (08) 8373 0755

Internet: www.ais.sa.edu.au

Catholic Education South Australia

Tel: (08) 8301 6611

Internet: www.cesa.catholic.edu.au

State School Term Dates

	2012	2013	2014
Term 1	30 January – 5 April	29 January – 12 April	28 January – 11 April
Term 2	23 April – 29 June	29 April – 5 July	28 April – 4 July
Term 3	16 July – 21 September	22 July – 27 September	21 July – 26 September
Term 4	8 October – 14 December	14 October – 13 December	13 October – 12 December

Employment

The Partner Education and Employment Program (PEEP)

Take a PEEP at your future

If you are a recognised partner of an ADF member, DCO's Partner Education and Employment Program, or PEEP, may be able to help you manage your career development.

PEEP Tier 1 provides an education and employment allowance of \$12,000 for a 10-year period to assist recognised ADF partners to better position themselves for employment through a range of initiatives when posted with the ADF member. Tier 1 is capped at \$6,000 per posting locality for assistance with: superannuation setup; professional employment assistance; child care, education and training; personalised resume preparation; and professional re-registration expense payments.

PEEP Tier 2 is an in-financial year 'one-off' payment of up to \$3,000 to be used for vocational courses, up to and including first-time undergraduate courses.

PEEP Tier 2 will be available for the next three years and is aimed at the partners of the more junior officer and enlisted ranks. Applications will be open to the partners of Private to Sergeant ranks (and their equivalents) and to the partners of Lieutenant to Captain ranks (and equivalents).

Tertiary studies assistance under PEEP

Partners are encouraged to undertake tertiary studies through Open Universities Australia (OUA). This allows partners to continue their education wherever they may be posted,

whether in Australia or overseas. OUA offers the following benefits to Defence partners:

- access to an online enrolment facility and unique client code
- access to a priority corporate support team through a dedicated email contact point
- a dedicated 1300 number supported by a team to assist partners in making the right choice about higher education and government loan options
- a flexible international higher education study offer for clients no matter what their location
- financial support to each student who enrolls using the code for the purchase of text books for the first five units
- extended online tutorial support.

Looking for a job? Try Jobsearch

ADF partners when seeking employment are encouraged to use Jobsearch – Australia's largest free online jobs website:

Internet: www.jobsearch.com.au

Want a peep at PEEP?

For more information on PEEP initiatives, including eligibility criteria and application forms, please visit the DCO website:

Internet: www.defence.gov.au/dco/PEEP

Children's Services

Child Care in South Australia

In South Australia we do not have Defence Child care centres because there is a wealth of alternative child care providers, who will be able to meet the caring need of your family. We suggest you contact the following to ensure you have the best opportunity of securing appropriate child care.

Child Care Access Hotline

Tel: 1800 670 305

www.mychild.gov.au

www.decs.sa.gov.au

www.carefourkids.com.au

These websites are valuable resources for child care matters and contain search functions that allow the user to search for child care centres by suburb/postcode and includes fees charges and vacancies.

Defence Child Care Program

The purpose of the Defence Child Care Program is to aid mobility by facilitating priority of access to child care for Defence families where the local community is unable to meet the demand for childcare places. Accordingly, the program is focused on ensuring mobile Defence families can access some form of child care on arrival in the gaining locality. This is achieved through a variety of centre and non-centre-based child care. Defence does not directly subsidise the cost of any form of child care for Defence families, nor is child care an entitlement.

Defence Child Care Centres

There are currently 21 Defence child care centres across Australia that participate in the National Childcare Accreditation Council Quality Improvement Program. These centres are managed by B4Kids Pty Ltd and are required to meet the State/Territory Child Care Regulations for licensing and the requirements for the Child Care Benefit (CCB). The centres provide priority of access to Defence families in accordance with Defence's Priority of Access (POA) guidelines.

A full list of the centres and the Defence POA guidelines are available on the DCO website.

National Enrolment Call Centre

The B4Kids Enrolment Call Centre can be contacted on Tel: 1300 265 600, for Defence families to:

- access placements in Defence child care centres
- book child care in the preferred location in advance of relocating to that area
- receive information on other centres in the general line of travel between work and home, if child care is not available in the family's preferred centre
- receive information regarding employment in Defence child care centres.

Family Day Care

Family day care is home-based child care by a qualified, monitored family day care provider. You can contact the schemes in your area through Family Day Care Australia on 1800 621 218.

Handy Contacts

Defence Community Organisation

Internet: www.defence.gov.au/dco/childcare.htm

B4Kids Pty Ltd

Internet: www.b4kids.com.au

Tel: 1300 265 600 or (07) 3326 5600

Child Care Access Hotline

– provides up-to-date information about child care options and locations

Tel: 1800 670 305

Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR)

– Office of Early Childhood Education and Child Care

Internet: www.mychild.gov.au

MyChild Hotline

Tel: 13 36 84

The National Childcare Accreditation Council (NCAC)

Internet: www.ncac.gov.au

Family Day Care Australia

Tel: (02) 4320 1100 or 1800 621 218

Internet: www.familydaycare.com.au

Cadets

The ADF Cadets is for children and teens from 12 and a half to 18 years of age. Cadets is a community-based organisation made up of 25,000 youth and 2,000 adult staff in more than 430 units throughout Australia.

To see if there is a unit in your locality, visit the Cadets website on Internet: www.cadetnet.gov.au, or contact your Family Liaison Officer on Tel: (08) 8305 6231.

Special Needs

When Defence families with special needs are posted, they may have difficulties accessing the services they require. The problems families experience are due to the different eligibility criteria for accessing services, such as therapy (speech and occupational therapy) and respite, due to the lengthy waiting lists and, in some instances, the lack of service providers. When relocating, some families require housing modifications and specific accommodation which caters for the additional requirements of the family member with special needs.

In order to address some of these difficulties Defence has a policy (PACMAN Ch 8 Part 6) that provides a range of assistance measures that can be accessed by ADF families who are formally recognised as having a dependant with special needs. The Dependants with Special Needs Program includes:

- a process whereby families have their status as a member with a special needs dependant formally recognised
- a process whereby families have the assistance required by the special needs dependant reviewed prior to relocating
- a special needs pre-posting visit
- assistance to access specialised equipment in the new locality
- assistance to access therapy services in the new locality
- assistance to access respite services in the new locality
- assistance with identifying appropriate housing and transit accommodation.

Contact your local DCO office for more information or request a CD ROM that explains

the process for applying for recognition or, at the time of posting, to undertake an assessment of assistance required by the special needs dependant.

Children with Special Needs

The decision on where to enrol a student, and with what level of support, will depend on a number of factors, including the student's educational needs, the expressed desires of parents and caregivers, the capacity of the education system to provide the level of support services required at a particular location, and the availability of appropriate support services at alternative locations.

It is important that parents of children with special needs contact the REDLO as soon as notification of posting is given to facilitate the appropriate placement, so that the support required is available for the student from the time of arrival at the new school.

Relocations and Housing

Defence Relocations and Housing Manager

Defence Relocations and Housing Managers (DRHMs) are employed to assist ADF members and their families by liaising with Defence Housing Australia (DHA), Toll Transitions and the Defence Community Organisation in each region, to make their relocation easier for them and their families. If you have an enquiry regarding your housing, maintenance, allocation and/or relocation services, or if you are dissatisfied with the service provider or any decisions made by DHA or Toll, your local DRHM (listed below) can assist you in addressing and resolving your concerns.

Area	
Adelaide	
Names	
Bill Griggs	Leo Pope
Telephone	
(08) 7389 3225	(08) 7389 3226
Mobile	
0407 211 389	0418 801 981
Fax	
(08) 7389 7381	(08) 7389 7381

Defence Housing Australia



DHA was established in 1988 with the aim of improving the quality and selection of housing for Defence members and their families. DHA manages approximately 17,300 residences around Australia and provides a range of services to help ease the pressure on Defence families – we will support you and your family throughout your tenancy, from moving in, to living in, and then moving out of your home.

If you need support throughout your tenancy, then our staff can assist you. You can phone our information line **139 DHA (139 342)** for advice or visit our website (www.dha.gov.au).

DHA also has Housing Management Centres and local offices located near major Defence establishments to provide effective support for you and your family wherever you need it.

Internet: www.dha.gov.au

Tel: 139 DHA (139 342)

Toll Transitions



Toll Transitions provide Defence members and their families with a total relocation service.

Your Toll Transitions case manager will assist you with your relocation requirements including travel, temporary accommodation, removal, storage and payment of your relocation allowances and entitlements.

You will receive a "Your Defence Relocation Guide", from Toll Transitions giving you detailed information to assist you with your relocation. You are also able to download this guide from the Toll Transitions website.

You can complete your Pre-AFR, AFR and inventory online at the Toll Transitions website www.tolltransitions.com.au/defence and "Your Defence Relocation Guide" explains the simple steps required to do this. You are able to maintain multiple inventory details online, giving you a current record of your goods and their whereabouts at any point in time. You can use these saved inventories should you move again.

After your move, in the unfortunate event of loss or damage, you can submit your notice of Loss or Damage online direct to Toll Transitions' Warranty Management Centre (WMC).

For 24-hour relocation enquiries and assistance, contact Toll Transitions on Tel: **1800 819 167**.

Health

For a full listing of doctors, hospitals and specialised health organisations, please consult the Human Services Finder.

Internet: www.hsfinder.sa.gov.au

Alternatively, consult the Yellow Pages.

Tel: 13 23 78

Internet: www.yellowpages.com.au

Ambulance Cover

It is important to note that ambulance cover is a 'user pays' service in South Australia. If you should need ambulance transport, even a short ride could be expensive. The cost of ambulance services is not covered by Medicare, nor is it covered if you are holding a healthcare, pharmaceutical or pensioner benefit card.

For insurance against these fees, coverage can be provided through private health insurers. A full listing is located in the Yellow Pages. SA Ambulance also offers an ambulance cover insurance, which is discounted for pension card holders.

Tel: 1300 136 272

Defence Community Groups

Defence Special Needs Support Group (DSNSG)



The Defence Special Needs Support Group (DSNSG) is a national volunteer organisation established to provide support, information and assistance to Defence families who care for someone with a disability or special need. Membership is free. Services provided include local support groups, respite programs, posting plans, specialised support for adults with special needs, Computers 4 Kids, access to grants, national newsletter, social skill programs for children and much more. For more information, contact the National Office.

National Coordinator

Margaret Fisk

Tel: 1800 037 674

Email: national.coordinator@dsnsg.org.au

Internet: www.dsnsg.org.au

Defence Families of Australia (DFA)



Defence Families of Australia (DFA) has been representing the views of Defence families for 25 years. DFA is a voluntary group of energetic and dedicated Defence partners appointed by the Minister for Defence, Science and Personnel. DFA has the unique opportunity of having direct access to: the Minister and Chief of Defence Force; senior Defence leaders; and key organisations which are directly involved with the families of our Defence Force.

DFA's aim is to improve the quality of life for Defence families by providing a recognised forum for the views of the family, and by reporting, making recommendations and influencing policy that directly affects families. The DFA Executive attracts volunteers from all services and ranks, who are living the unique lifestyle which stems from living with a Defence member, ensuring a broad coverage of experiences and understanding of the Defence lifestyle. DFA recognises that families today are very diverse and the composition of the family unit results in different challenges.

Geographically, DFA volunteers are located all around Australia, representing families at a local, regional and a national level. National Delegates are situated in each state and it is preferable to have a Local Family Representative in each Defence location, unit and base. Quality feedback is reliant on good communication between the Executive and family members in each region. When issues are raised, they are taken to the appropriate stakeholder at a local level or, if necessary, raised to a national level.

DFA is currently consulting with Defence and stakeholders on a range of issues including:

- ensuring Deployment Support is appropriate and available to all families
- enhancing the Partner Education and Employment Program funding
- shifting the focus on mental health to the entire Defence family unit in order to adequately support the ADF member
- providing feedback to Toll on relocations administration procedures
- working with the ADF Financial Services Consumer Council to develop useful education on financial management for Defence families
- monitoring the introduction of the National Defence Families Identification Card

DFA's National Conference is held annually and provides an opportunity for face-to-face time where we discuss and develop feedback from all regions. We liaise with Defence stakeholders and work with areas that support ADF families. Together, as a team, solutions, additions, improvements and initiatives are created for ADF families.

Join DFA today free!

By joining DFA as a member, you are supporting its aim to represent the needs of all

Defence families. Please take a few minutes to enter your details on the website www.dfa.org.au/user/register/

When you become a DFA member you will receive quarterly eNewsletters and email alerts, and access to the DFA website which will provide you with access to a wealth of resources.

- My Home and My Calendar with local news and events in your posting location
- timely updates on information and changes affecting Defence families
- advice and tips from other partners in the areas of Moving, Absence from Home, Education, Health, Employment and Money
- an opportunity to provide Defence and Government with your feedback and suggestions for improvements in My Voice.

How can you be involved in DFA?

If you are interested in learning more about DFA or becoming a volunteer in your area, please contact your local National Delegate (details on the DFA website).

Visit www.dfa.org.au or call the DFA Infoline 1800 100 509.

North East Defence Community (NEDC) Group

North East Defence Community (NEDC) provides activities to support Defence families in South Australia. NEDC offers a family-focused environment with an opportunity to form strong networks in your local area, whilst also encouraging wider community integration. It provides a place to share information, as well as both emotional and practical support. NEDC is located at the Edinburgh Community Centre and all Adelaide Defence families from Army, Navy and Air Force are welcome!

■ Playgroup

Playgroup is on Wednesdays and Fridays from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm, and is suitable for children birth to five years, with older children welcome during the school holidays. There is free play, music, story time, craft and outside play to keep your little ones busy.

■ Outings

Once a month on a Thursday or Friday the NEDC coordinates an outing to a community location in Adelaide, such as a wildlife park, playground or railway museum.

■ Mums' Craft Group

Once a month on a Thursday come along to our craft group and have a coffee and chat while we let the creative juices flow! A subsidised crèche is provided, numbers permitting.

■ Girls Night Out

Every couple of months the NEDC organises a Girls Night Out, for Defence spouses to leave hubby and/or the kids at home and go on a night out. The night usually involves dinner and a movie, bowling or shopping – and of course lots of chatting!

■ Family Days

Every quarter there is a family day, so the older kids and working parents can get involved. This usually involves a BBQ lunch and/or an activity around Adelaide, such as a ride on the Semaphore steam train, beach activities, a visit to St Kilda playground, or a day trip to explore Gawler or the Barossa.

■ Weekends Away

Two or three times a year, the NEDC organises a group weekend away to explore more of South Australia. This usually involves booking cabins or camping sites at a caravan park for a couple of nights, and taking the weekend to get to know other Defence families as well as the Adelaide surrounds. Past trips have been to Victor Harbour, Moonta Bay and Lake Bonney.

■ Facebook Support Group

The NEDC has set up a Facebook group to provide a forum for any questions Adelaide Defence families may have (for example, where to find child care, recommended kinder gyms, good beaches or how to use the gym on base). It is also a good way to get to know the other Defence families. All the events are promulgated through this group as well.

■ Newsletter

Every two months, the NEDC puts out a newsletter detailing what the group has been up to, what's going on around Adelaide, information on businesses Defence families might be interested in (including those run by Defence spouses), and upcoming events.

NEDC also has an extensive resource and children's book library, as well as toys and sporting equipment for you to access.

For more information, please contact the NEDC Coordinator, Susan Hoffmann, on 0438 644 157 or via email, nedc.edinburgh@rocketmail.com, or add 'Nedc Edinburgh' on Facebook.

Woodside Defence Family Association (W DFA)

The Woodside Defence Families Association provides vital support to Defence families in many ways, offering a variety of activities and events to suit everyone. The W DFA is located on the Woodside Army Barracks. It consists of a community hall that is used for morning tea, scrapbooking, sewing, information sessions, book clubs and other social events. There is also a separate playgroup and playground area. The main focus for this year will be to provide aid and assistance to those families who have members of the Regiment serving overseas or on long-term courses. We provide a welcoming venue for support, fun and friendship.

Morning Tea is held every Monday morning during the school term from 9.30 am. We often have guest speakers attend, such as DCO representatives or local DSTA, as well as the Padre, RSM and CO, who come along when they can. There are toys for the kids, and this is a great opportunity to meet other Defence partners over a hot cuppa.

Playgroup is every Wednesday morning from 9.30 am during school term. There are lots of toys, books and puzzles. We have a different craft activity for the children each week, as well as outdoor play. Our new playground is fantastic and the cubby house is popular too. Kids of all ages are invited and we have facilities for even the little ones, including two high-chairs and bouncers.

Book Club: Each month we read a different book suggested by the local library. Then we get together to discuss the book over dinner, and everyone brings a plate to share.

Family Wellbeing: Our committee members welcome families to the Woodside area with a food basket and information pack. The pack includes tea, coffee, biscuits, fruit, local council information, the local Hills magazine, and the DCO and W DFA newsletters. Many great friendships have been formed from this initial greeting.

Walking Group / Keep Fit: Many of the members get together for a regular walk, and also attend the local fitness group. Contact Jodie for times and more details.

Scrapbooking is held twice a month – one Thursday session and another Sunday session. Upcoming dates will be available in our newsletter and on our website.

Sewing meets each fortnight on Thursday nights, from 6.00 to 9.00 pm. We have different “theme nights”, or you can just come along and work on your own project.

In addition to our regular events, we offer a variety of social outings suggested by our members. Activities include movie nights, progressive dinners, and family pizza night / sausage sizzle. We offer family days to involve husbands and children, which also provides an opportunity for everyone to get together. We also have a Christmas party that includes a bouncy castle, face painting and a visit from Santa.

For more information, please call the W DFA Coordinator Jodie Mlikota on 0413 593 316 or email wdfa10@gmail.com. Alternatively, you can call DCO on (08) 8305 6231, visit the website (www.woodsidedefencefamilies.com.au) or search on Facebook.

The Defence Community Group's services, activities and programs are continually reviewed via committees and monitored through DCO SA to ensure a high standard of service delivery that meets the needs of the Defence community.

Locality Information

Weather

South Australia is the perfect place to escape the chill. It has mild winters and warm, dry summers.

Average daily winter (June – August) temperatures, Adelaide: Max 15.9°C, Min 8°C

Average daily spring (September – November) temperatures, Adelaide: Max 21.7°C, Min 11.6°C

Average daily summer (December – February) temperatures, Adelaide: Max 28.3°C, Min 16.5°C

Average daily autumn (March – May) temperatures, Adelaide: Max 22.4°C, Min 12.5°C.

Locality Information

Lovingly called the “Festival State”, South Australia prides itself on art and culture. There’s the Adelaide Festival, Adelaide Film Festival, Cabaret Festival and Feast Festival.

You can experience the sounds of the planet at the WOMAdelaide world music festival – relax under a canopy of stars and Moreton Bay fig trees as you take in the music at Botanic Park, where international artists come together to perform their unique brands of music at this four-day event.

Be entertained by the hundreds of acts at the Adelaide Fringe. Follow the fanfare at night to the colourful and quirky Garden of Unearthly Delights. See sword swallowers, human oddities and a rotating schedule of sideshow acts.

Your wine adventure starts here, with over 200 cellar doors on Adelaide’s doorstep. From

shiraz in the Barossa to riesling in the Clare Valley; the big reds in the Coonawarra and last, but not least, the fabulous Fleurieu. You’ll hardly be able to wait!

Visit the Adelaide Zoo, home to Wang Wang and Funi – the only giant pandas in the Southern hemisphere. The pair arrived at Adelaide Zoo in 2009, one and a half years after the Wenchuan earthquake in China destroyed their original home. Today they are popular Adelaide celebrities, with thousands of people visiting them each year.

There are many markets and shopping precincts to choose from, such as the Adelaide Central Market, which is the mother of all produce markets. Located next to Chinatown, it boasts more than 550 speciality stores, representing over 60 nationalities. Try the freshly-harvested fruit and vegetables, meat and seafood.

Tourist Information Centres

For more information on places of interest, please contact the following information centres.

■ The South Australian Visitor and Travel Centre

Tel: 1300 764 227

Internet: www.southaustralia.com

■ Adelaide Visitor Information Centre – City

Tel: (08) 8203 7611

■ Glenelg Visitor Information Centre

Tel: (08) 8294 5833

Internet: www.glenelgsa.com.au

■ **Port Adelaide Visitor Information Centre**

Tel: (08) 8405 6560 or 1800 629 888

Internet: www.portenf.sa.gov.au

■ **Adelaide Hills Visitor Information Centre – Hahndorf**

Tel: 1800 353 323

Internet: www.visitadelaidehills.com.au

■ **Mount Lofty Summit Visitor Centre**

Tel: (08) 8370 1054

■ **Lobethal Visitor Information Centre – Lobethal**

Tel: (08) 8389 6979

■ **Strathalbyn Visitor Information Centre – Strathalbyn**

Tel: 1300 007 842

Attractions

South Australian Museum

North Tce, Adelaide

Tel: (08) 8207 7500

Internet: www.samuseum.sa.gov.au

Entry is free.

Migration Museum

Kintore St, Adelaide

Tel: (08) 8207 7580

Entry by donation.

Art Gallery of South Australia

North Tce, Adelaide

Tel: (08) 8207 7000

Entry is free.

General Services

Community Information

General information such as travel choices in South Australia, tourist information, government services and businesses, and many other services are available online.

Internet: www.service.sa.gov.au

These websites are extremely helpful and a good starting point for getting to know SA and what is available.

Centrelink

Centrelink is a government agency delivering a range of Commonwealth services.

Tel: 13 10 21

Internet: www.centrelink.gov.au

Change of Address Information

Australia Post provides change-of-address moving kits. You can access these online or by phone.

Tel: 13 13 18

Internet: www.movepost.com.au

Electoral Information

To access the Australian Defence Forces electoral guide, visit the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) website at Internet: www.aec.gov.au, or the South Australian Electoral Commission's website at Internet: www.seo.sa.gov.au. The AEC can also be contacted by phone on Tel: 13 23 26.

Religious Groups

There are many religious groups in South Australia. For a comprehensive listing, visit Internet: www.sacommunity.org, or contact the Family Liaison Officers.

Tel: (08) 8305 6231

Sporting Clubs and Associations

Internet: www.sacommunity.org

Alternatively, call one of our Family Liaison Officers.

Tel: (08) 8305 6231

Utilities Information

For a list of local providers of telephone, gas and electricity services, please consult the Yellow Pages.

Tel: 13 23 78

Internet: www.yellowpages.com.au

Transport

Driver's Licence

With the exception of Victoria and the Northern Territory, the Commonwealth, state and territory authorities have agreed to the implementation of a Defence Driving Licence Scheme (DDLS) for ADF personnel and eligible members of their families. Under the DDLS, the driving licences of both personnel and their families will be recognised throughout Australia and, therefore, no requirement exists to change a driving licence solely because of a transfer interstate. On expiry, however, licences are to be renewed in the current state or territory of residence.

Car Registration

Car, bike and trailer registration authorities in different states and territories have varying requirements regarding the change of registration.

ADF families should check with Transport South Australia.

Tel: 13 10 84

Internet: www.transport.sa.gov.au

Pet Care

Registration

For information, please enquire at local council offices.

For comprehensive information on the laws in South Australia, please contact the Dog and Cat Management Board of South Australia.

Tel: (08) 8124 4962

Internet: www.dogsncats.asn.au

Important Numbers

Suburbs/Councils

Resident packs are available from council offices in your new location. These packs contain information regarding many community facilities, including community centres, immunisation clinics, garbage collection days, plus many other council services. Listed below are the areas where most Defence housing is situated. For more information, please contact a Family Liaison Officer at the Defence Community Organisation (DCO SA).

Tel: (08) 8305 6231

Adelaide Hills

Tel: (08) 8408 0400

Internet: www.ahc.sa.gov.au

Charles Sturt

Tel: (08) 8408 1111

Internet: www.charlessturt.sa.gov.au

Marion

Tel: (08) 8375 6600

Internet: www.marion.sa.gov.au

Mount Barker

Tel: (08) 8391 7200

Internet: www.dcmtbarker.sa.gov.au

Mount Gambier

Tel: (08) 8721 2555

Internet: www.mountgambier.sa.gov.au

Onkaparinga

Tel: (08) 8384 0666

Internet: www.onkaparingacity.com

Playford

Tel: (08) 8256 0333

Internet: www.playford.sa.gov.au

Port Adelaide Enfield

Tel: (08) 8405 6600

Internet: www.portenf.sa.gov.au

Port Augusta

Tel: (08) 8641 9100

Internet: www.portaugusta.sa.gov.au

Salisbury

Tel: (08) 8406 8222

Internet: www.salisbury.sa.gov.au

Tea Tree Gully

Tel: (08) 8397 7444

Internet: www.teatreegully.sa.gov.au

Unley

Tel: (08) 8372 5111

Internet: www.unley.sa.gov.au

Wakefield Regional

Tel: (08) 8862 0800 or 1300 762 500

Internet: www.wakefieldrc.sa.gov.au

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