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Message from the Minister for Veterans' Affairs and the Minister for Defence Personnel

Service, courage, respect, integrity, excellence.

These are the values that underpin the service of Defence personnel, who defend our nation with pride and valour.

It gives me great pleasure to present the Australian Defence Force Parliamentary Program for 2022, an opportunity for parliamentarians to experience a unique insight into the day-to-day workings of the Australian Defence Force (ADF).

This initiative was first introduced in 2001, and for the past twenty one years the program has provided more than 500 activities designed to foster an appreciation of the outstanding work of the ADF.

Participation in the program offers Members and Senators the chance to witness the diverse capabilities of the ADF in action, engaging closely with members of our ADF and gaining an appreciation for the challenges and rewards of life in the military.

I encourage all parliamentarians to consider participating in the program. There are a variety of options to cater for ranging interests, and I'm confident you'll find it an incredibly rewarding experience.

From base visits to major operational deployments, there are opportunities to go to sea with the Royal Australian Navy, spend time on a training exercise with the Australian Army or take the controls of the latest aircraft simulator at the Royal Australian Air Force.

Testament to the exceptional nature of this program is that many Members and Senators have participated multiple times, coming back year after year to explore different aspects of Defence.

The element of exchange is also a key part of the program. Approximately 25 ADF personnel are hosted at Parliament House during a sitting week, offering them a better understanding of the parliamentary process.

I offer my thanks to the Members and Senators who give up their time and energy to sponsor ADF participants so that they can experience the daily activities of a parliamentarian.

I commend to you the Australian Defence Force Parliamentary Program for 2022, and invite all Members and Senators to take a look at the fantastic program and get involved.



The Hon Andrew Gee MP

Minister for Veterans' Affairs
Minister for Defence Personnel

Welcome from Vice Chief of the Defence Force

Welcome to the 2022 Australian Defence Force Parliamentary Program (ADFPP). It is an honour to be presenting this program in conjunction with my co-sponsor the Honourable Andrew Gee MP, our Minister for Veterans' Affairs and Defence Personnel. This is my fourth year providing oversight of the ADFPP, and I find myself reflecting on how well the program has enabled parliamentarians and the Australian Defence Force to understand one another.

COVID restrictions over the past two years have presented a number of challenges to program scheduling and the ability of parliamentarians to make themselves available to participate in the program. Nevertheless, the 2021 program managed to maintain a healthy participation rate, with 26 parliamentarians participating in 16 separate activities.

The program performs a valuable role in building mutual understanding between Australian Defence Force personnel, Senators and Members of Parliament. Since its inauguration in 2001, the success of the program has been built on offering you a unique opportunity to engage first hand with the men and women of the ADF, be it on operations, training and exercises, humanitarian operations or Defence Assistance to the Civil Community tasks.

The growing number of repeat participants over successive years and the personal testimonies from past participants highlights the popularity of this program amongst parliamentarians. When combined with the positive feedback received from the men and women of the Australian Defence Force who have helped deliver the ADFPP or who have participated in the Parliamentary Exchange, I am confident that we have the right formula for the program.

The suite of attachments on offer for 2022 continue to present excellent opportunities to experience the Australian Defence Force undertaking its many roles, including domestic operations, major exercises, and training in Australia and the Indo Pacific region. With the inclusion of Exercise RIMPAC providing an opportunity to experience the interoperability between our coalition forces at sea and Indo Pacific Endeavour conducting a range of traditional military activities as well as regional engagement in South East Asia and Northeast Indian Ocean. Closer to home within Australia, you have the option to ride aboard ships and submarines, experience protected mobility and armoured fighting vehicles in the field, board a flight in a strategic air lift aircraft, or take the controls of a fast jet simulator flight. The program also provides opportunities to gain an insight into Defence's cyber capabilities as well as a range of shorter one or two day activities.

On behalf-of the Chief of the Defence Force, General Angus Campbell, AO, DSC, I wish you a very warm welcome to the 2022 ADFPP. Regardless of which activity you select, I am confident that the experience will provide you with beneficial insights into the ADF. I have no doubt you will find it an exciting and rewarding experience whether it be your first, second or tenth attachment. I look forward to meeting with you during the course of the year to hear firsthand of your experience.



Vice Admiral David Johnston AO RAN

Vice Chief of the Defence Force




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Senator Pauline Hanson

Senator for Queensland

I believe it's incumbent on all elected Parliamentarians to learn about the Australian Defence Force, and the ADF Parliamentary Program is a great way to do it. Our people in uniform are committed and skilled professionals doing a risky and difficult job in service to our country. Participating in the program is one of the best ways we can honour their dedication.

I was fortunate to have two placements in 2021. At RAAF Base Amberley near Ipswich, I was in flight simulators for the FA/18 Super Hornet multirole fighter and C-17 Globemaster transport aircraft, and conducted a simulated mid-air refuelling. The difficulty of such an operation – even simulated – reinforced my respect for the skills employed by our aviators. I was also impressed by the interoperability shown by the Army contingent at Amberley, and the logistical capabilities demonstrated when different branches of the ADF work together.

At Lavarack Barracks in Townsville with the 3rd and 11th brigades, I participated in infantry and artillery training and rode in an Abrams main battle tank and M113 armoured personnel carrier. This experience was a real eye-opener in terms of the incredible logistical effort which goes into Army operations, and it was also educational in terms of the new weapons and equipment now being employed.

I take my hat off to the men and women who make it all happen. These placements give Parliamentarians insight into the motivations of our people in uniform. Many are carrying on family traditions of military service, while others are forging new traditions in seeking different and challenging careers. One cannot help but observe the quiet pride in which they go about their duties, or feel pride in them and Australia for their dedication.

I've done five of these placements now. In 2018 I spent time with the Army in Kabul, Afghanistan on its mission to train local soldiers, and I've spent two days underwater in a Collins-class submarine sleeping in a narrow bunk about 30cm below a Mark-48 torpedo. These experiences sharpened my focus on the challenges faced by ADF personnel on operational deployment, and the personal sacrifices they make to be part of it. History teaches us that 'mateship' was an important factor in getting Australians through their war experiences, and it's something you can witness in action for yourself in this program.

I've always felt welcomed and well cared for in the program. You can tell our people in uniform enjoy showing Parliamentarians what they do. Stepping into their shoes and learning what drives them in their duty has given me a much greater understanding, and better enables me to make the right decisions in Parliament with respect to defence. Our people in the ADF merit that respect and understanding, and I wholeheartedly recommend the ADF Parliamentary Program to every Member and Senator.

Senator Ben Small

Senator for Western Australia

I'm sure that all Parliamentarians feel that their first year is a blur of incredible experiences, however against the context of a fairly tumultuous pandemic period, the ADF Parliamentary Program stands clear of all others for me.

Joining three colleagues from across the Parliament to participate in Exercise Talisman Sabre provided me with far more than I could have possibly expected before stepping onto a CH-47 Chinook helicopter at Rockhampton to embark on an action-packed week.

Being immersed in all aspects of one of the most significant joint exercises conducted by the ADF provided an opportunity to meet some of our extraordinary service people and hear firsthand what motivates them to serve, and how they experience the ADF. I was most surprised to discover that the newly promoted officer commanding the Bushmaster I was riding in was formerly an investment banker!

As the week unfolded, we were privileged to see a live fire demonstration involving attack helicopters, supersonic jets and ground artillery; witness urban combat clearing drills where reservists were being seamlessly integrated into regular army teams; fly in both C17 Globemaster and CH47 aircraft; see the impressive technology that underpins a modern battleground headquarters and eat ration packs whilst on the range with a battalion. From the very cool to the relatively ordinary, such a spectrum of experiences is priceless in building holistic understanding.

Importantly though, for someone with no background in defence, I came away from the week with a significantly enhanced understanding of modern military operations across all domains, including space. Who knew that the United States Space Force was much more than a Netflix parody!

Given that we are serving in Parliament during a time that sees the Indo-Pacific region more contested than at any period in several decades, I commend the ADF Parliamentary Program as essential to building the understanding all Parliamentarians should have of our defence forces and geostrategic positioning.





Dr Anne Aly MP

Member for Cowan

If I had known submarining was this thrilling, I would have joined the Navy years ago!

It was a real pleasure – not to mention a privilege – to take part in an ADF Parliamentary Program experience based at HMAS Stirling, just an hour south of where I live in Perth, in 2021. For five days in May, I was immersed (sometimes literally) in the day-to-day activities undertaken by Royal Australian Navy submariners and clearance divers, all while comfortably quartered (and excellently fed) within the RAN's facilities.

Submarine and clearance diving operations require a cool head. This is work which is often done under pressure – pressure emanating from the inherent significance and danger of these operations as much as from the water above. Fortunately for Australia's security, the submariners and divers I met showed they were more than equal to the challenge. I've always observed the highest standards of professionalism, integrity and competence in ADF personnel, and those who welcomed me into their working lives displayed all of these characteristics in spades.

Life underwater really has to be experienced to be believed, as I learned during my two days aboard the Collins-class HMAS Rankin. So many things you take for granted are suddenly out of reach. Want to get some fresh air, or maybe take a walk outside? You'd better hope you surface soon – and you'd better hope you can handle the wait until then. Even the weaponry has substantially enhanced cachet: one of the absolute highlights of my ADFPP experience was having the opportunity to lock and load a torpedo.

While learning more about life in the ADF is valuable in and of itself, the ADFPP also has real consequences for Parliamentary work. Defence and veterans' affairs are always on the Parliament's agenda in some form or other, and the unique insights that come from seeing our personnel in action can only enhance your understanding. They've certainly done so for me – as just one example, the lessons from my ADFPP stint came flooding back in September with the announcement of the AUKUS alliance and the next generation of Australian submarines.

It's not just the practical measures which are such a significant takeaway, however. The ADFPP is a reminder that ADF service is not just a job like any other; Australian defence personnel volunteer themselves to bear intense stresses and handle life-or-death decisions, many of which will have ramifications for their whole lives. In recompense for these burdens, I believe the very least we can do as Parliamentarians is to uphold their dignity, accord them appropriate recognition, and ensure the supports they can access as veterans are fit for purpose.

I'm immensely grateful to all personnel at HMAS Stirling, aboard the HMAS Rankin, and beyond, who helped to facilitate my ADFPP experience – and for any Parliamentarians who are on the fence about participating themselves, I encourage you not to let this opportunity pass you by in 2022.


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General Information

The following provides general information about the ADF Parliamentary Program (ADFPP) and a summary of attachment options for 2022. Specific dates are nominated where applicable, however, requirements may necessitate some date changes as the year unfolds. Where an option is listed as occurring during a Parliament Recess period, suitable dates will be coordinated to best suit participants' diaries and provide the most interactive experience.

COVIDsafe

Given the current unpredictable environment that Australia and the world is experiencing during the COVID-19 pandemic, COVIDsafe plans will be developed for each activity in accordance with Defence base access and operational restrictions. Each activity, will be regularly reassessed against the relevant COVID-19 restrictions to ensure Defence is keeping both our ADF personnel and parliamentarians safe and healthy. If at any stage a part of the program should need to be modified or cancelled, you will be advised with as much notice as possible.

Applications and Selection Process

Application forms are available in electronic format only on the ADFPP website at www.defence.gov.au/adfpp. Applications should indicate your first preference and, in the event of oversubscription, a second and third preference. All applications will be acknowledged upon receipt. If an option is oversubscribed, a ballot system will apply to establish a participation and reserve list. Subsequent to balloting requirements, participants will be advised of the success of their application. Applications should be submitted as early as possible to allow for planning purposes with ADFPP options closing 28 days prior to commencement of the activity.

Working Routine

Attachment options on offer are designed to ensure participants get the most out of their experience. Wherever possible, participants will have the opportunity to work and live alongside service personnel at all rank levels. While the situations may not offer five-star comforts and could have very little protocol, the experience will be rewarding. Defence can, and will, tailor conditions to suit individual abilities to ensure that participants gain maximum impact. Do not worry, there will not be an endurance test, so the prospect of arduous physical activity and conditions should not deter anyone from joining the program. To that end, wherever possible, participants are asked to plan attendance for the full attachment period offered.

Uniforms

Participants will be issued with the same uniforms, protective clothing and equipment used by ADF personnel at the destination unit wherever possible. Participants will be provided with a distinctive 'rank' insignia to identify them as a parliamentarian attachment as part of the program. Uniforms will be issued in Canberra during the sitting period, prior to each activity.

Administrative Arrangements

Medical

Certain activities offered will require participants to meet basic medical standards. Medical forms will be forwarded to participants once participation has been confirmed which must be completed at least 14 days prior to commencement of the activity. Medicals for submarine sea activities will need to be completed by a General Practitioner. Please contact the Executive Officer ADFPP for any questions regarding medical requirements.

Transport

All travel arrangements to and from the activity start location will be at the participant's expense.

Meals and Accommodation

All meals and accommodation will be provided by Defence, using on base messing where available. Any dietary requirements can be catered for and should be discussed with the Executive Officer (XO) ADFPP prior to the activity.

Activity Briefing

Participants will receive a pre activity briefing including all administrative requirements prior to the commencement of their activity.

Security

Operational security is a key factor in ensuring the safety of all ADFPP participants and ADF members involved in military operations and exercises. It is important that all participants involved in an operation or exercise adhere to the need-to-know principle and do not make public any details relating to the visit or share information regarding personnel movements with those who do not need to know.

Parliamentary Exchange

An integral part of the ADFPP is the exchange element where ADF personnel are attached to the office of a parliamentarian at Parliament House for one-week during a sitting week. This provides ADF exchange personnel with an insight into parliamentary and committee processes and an understanding of the departments that operate within Parliament House. ADF exchange personnel gain an appreciation of the extensive and varied activities undertaken by Senators and Members of Parliament. Expressions of interest from parliamentarians willing to host this year will be sought closer to the activity.

ADFPP Dining-in Night

The culminating ADFPP event is the annual Military Dining-in Night which provides participants with another valuable insight into military customs and traditions. The Dining-in Night is by invite only and invites are offered to parliamentarians who have participated in the program, or who have hosted an ADF member during the exchange program. This event is hosted by the Vice Chief of the Defence Force and attended by the Service Chiefs, and ADF members who participated in the exchange program.

Navy

Option 1 - Submarines and Clearance Diving

Join highly skilled Navy personnel in a Collins Class Submarine conducting operations off the coast of Western Australia.

Location: **Rockingham, WA**
Duration: **5 days**
Dates: **Autumn, winter and spring recess**

Option 2 - Fleet Base East - Surface Combatants

Spend two to three days at sea in a Destroyer or Frigate off the coast of New South Wales.

Location: **Sydney, NSW**
Duration: **5 days**
Dates: **Autumn, winter and spring recess**

Option 3 - Amphibious and Fleet Support

Join the crew in one of Navy's largest ships, the Canberra Class Amphibious Assault Ship.

Location: **Sydney, NSW**
Duration: **5 days**
Dates: **Autumn, winter and spring recess**

Option 4 - Navy Aviation and Officer Training

Engage with Navy's emerging leaders as they undertake initial training.

Location: **Jervis Bay, NSW**
Duration: **5 days**
Dates: **Autumn, winter and spring recess**

Option 5 - Fleet Certification Period 2022

Embark with the Navy Task Group for up to five days on a warship.

Location: **Sydney, NSW**
Duration: **5 days**
Dates: **between 21 Feb – 7 Mar**

Army

Option 6 - 8th/9th Battalion Exercise RAMSHOT

Participate in section-level training for the tactical tasks of ambush, attack by fire, support by fire, and area defence.

Location: **Brisbane, QLD**
Duration: **4 days**
Dates: **between 14 – 18 Feb**

Option 7 - School of Artillery – Artillery Live Fire Exercise

Undertake a field training activity with soldiers of 53 Battery including live fire of 155mm artillery guns.

Location: **Puckapunyal, VIC**
Duration: **3 days**
Dates: **between 28 Feb – 4 Mar**

Option 8 - Advanced Small Craft Operator course

Join trainees in the preparation for and execution of a small boat mission.

Location: **Morton Bay, QLD**
Duration: **3 days**
Dates: **between 21 – 25 Feb**

Option 9 - Army Aviation Test and Evaluation

Aboard a Canberra Class Amphibious Assault Ship observe 1 Aviation Regiment conducting aviation Test & Evaluation Procedures of the ship's helicopter operating limits.

Location: **Brisbane, QLD**
Duration: **3 days**
Dates: **between 15 – 21 Mar**

Option 10 - Exercise DIAMOND STRIKE

Embedded with soldiers from 8/9 RAR, participate in Brigade level exercise incorporating integrated fires and armoured manoeuvres.

Location: **Townsville, QLD**
Duration: **5 days**
Dates: **between 23 May – 4 Jun**

Option 11 - Exercise SEA RAIDER

Embark onto a Canberra Class Amphibious Assault Ship and participate in the preparation for and execution of a Battle Group beach assault.

Location: **Shoalwater Bay, QLD**
Duration: **5 days**
Dates: **Between 19 – 23 Sep**

Option 12 - Exercise GAUNTLET STRIKE

Join the Culminating Combined Arms exercise for all Combined Arms Regimental Officer trainees as they plan and conduct live fire activities.

Location: **Puckapunyal, VIC**
Duration: **3 days**
Dates: **between 20 – 30 Jun**

Air Force

Option 13: - RAAF Base Darwin & Exercise PITCH BLACK 22

Experience Air Force's premier training exercise for achieving multinational integration and international engagement objectives.

Location: **Darwin, NT**
Duration: **4 days**
Dates: **5 – 8 Sep**

Option 14: - RAAF Base Williamtown and Exercise DIAMOND SHIELD

Experience a variety of aircraft including the F35A Lightning II, Hawk 127, and E-7A Wedgetail Airborne Early Warning and Control aircraft.

Location: **Williamtown, NSW**
Duration: **4 days**
Dates: **3 – 7 Oct**

Option 15: - RAAF Bases Edinburgh, Woomera & Exercise GRIFFIN FURY

Gain an insight into the F-35a Lightening II capability and weapons systems currently used by the RAAF.

Location: **Edinburgh and Woomera, SA**
Duration: **5 days**
Dates: **Sep**

Option 16: - RAAF Base Amberley

Experience a variety of aircraft including EA18G Growler, F/A-18F Super Hornet, the KC-30A Multi Role Tanker Transport, C17A Globemaster and C-27J Spartan at the ADF's largest base.

Location: **Amberley, QLD**
Duration: **4 days**
Dates: **Autumn and spring recess**

Option 17: - RAAF Bases Pearce and Learmonth

Experience initial fast jet aircraft pilot training at Western Australia's main Air Force base

Location: **Pearce and Learmonth, WA**
Duration: **3 days Pearce only, 5 days for Pearce and Learmonth**
Dates: **Autumn and spring recess**

Option 18: - RAAF Base East Sale

Join trainees at the Air Academy as they progress to become Defence Pilots and Mission Aircrew.

Location: **Sale, VIC**
Duration: **4 days**
Dates: **Autumn, winter and spring recess**

Joint Operations Command

Option 19: Operation RESOLUTE

Join the ADF members protecting Australia's offshore maritime interests from security threats aboard a patrol boat and coastal surveillance aircraft.

Location: **Canberra ACT, Darwin NT or Cairns QLD**
Duration: **5 days**
Dates: **Autumn, winter and spring recess**

Option 20: Joint Operations Command

Spend a short day at the General John Baker Complex gaining and insight into Maritime, Land, Sea, Special Operations and Movement components of ADF Operations.

Location: **Bungendore, NSW**
Duration: **1 day**
Dates: **Autumn, winter and spring recess**

Option21: Exercise RIMPAC 22

Participate in the world's largest international maritime warfare exercise at sea aboard RAN and US Navy ships conducting short warning scenario based training.

Location: **Hawaii, USA**
Duration: **10 days**
Dates: **1 – 10 Jun**

Option 22: Indo-Pacific Endeavour (IPE)

Join the Joint Taskforce conducting traditional military activities and across government regional engagement activities in the Indo-Pacific region.

Location: **South East Asia and Northeast Indian Ocean regions – itinerary TBC**
Duration: **10 days**
Dates: **1 activity dates TBA between Sep - Dec**

Joint Capabilities Group

Option 23: - Information Power – ADF Information and Cyber Operations

Participate in activities which ensure the ADF is postured to deliver capability in the Information and Cyber warfighting domain.

Location: **Canberra ACT and Adelaide SA**
Duration: **5 days**
Dates: **Winter and spring recess**

Option 24: ADFA Cross Country and International Cultural Day

Join the trainees as they compete in the academy's annual cross country competition.

Location: **Canberra ACT**
Duration: **1 day**
Dates: **31 Mar**

Option 25: Australian United Nations Training and Commitments

Observe and participate in elements of UN core pre-deployment training for military personnel, police and civilians.

Location: **Canberra ACT**
Duration: **2 days**
Dates: **Autumn, winter and spring recess**

Option 26: ADF School of Languages and International Training Centre

Participate in the delivery of language and cultural training, providing the ADF with a unique operational capability.

Location: **Laverton, VIC**
Duration: **2 days**
Dates: **Autumn, winter and spring recess**

Option 27: Joint Logistics Unit – East

Join Defence and Australian Industry partners providing warehousing, distribution, and maintenance services nationally and overseas.

Location: **Moorebank and Richmond, NSW**
Duration: **3 days**
Dates: **Autumn, winter and spring recess**



The first Australian naval forces were formed in the colonies in the late 1850s in response to fears of a Russian invasion following the Crimean War. In 1901, the various colonial navies and their motley collection of vessels were amalgamated into the Commonwealth Naval Forces. In the years that followed, it was debated whether Australia needed its own navy or should simply finance the stationing of Royal (British) Navy vessels in Australian waters. Finally, in 1909, a decision was taken to acquire new ships to form an Australian Navy and on 10 July 1911, the Royal Australian navy (RAN) was formed. The first of RAN's ships, River Class torpedo boat destroyers HMA Ships Parramatta and Yarra, arrived in Australia in December 1911.

The Women's Royal Australian Naval Service (WRANS) was formed in April 1941 as a result of a shortage of telegraphists in the RAN. At the end of the Second World War the WRANS was disbanded, however, shortages of manpower in the RAN led to the service being re-constituted in 1951 and it was made a permanent part of the RAN in December 1959. WRANS personnel were gradually absorbed into the RAN during the 1980s and in due course, the service was disbanded.

Today, the RAN operates over 40 commissioned vessels and a variety of other craft ranging from landing boats to the sail training ship, the Young Endeavour. It is one of the largest and most sophisticated naval forces in the Pacific region and engages in a variety of roles including maritime patrol and response; interdiction and strategic strike; maritime intelligence collection and evaluation; hydrographic, oceanographic and meteorological support, humanitarian and disaster relief; and maritime search and rescue. This is enabled through state-of-the-art capabilities in the sub-surface, surface and air domains.

Option 1: Submarines and Clearance Diving

Outline:

This option will introduce participants to the sea power generated by the submarine capability. Fleet Base West is at HMAS *Stirling* on Garden Island in Rockingham, Western Australia and is the home port of the Collins Class submarines and Australian Clearance Diving Team 4.

The characteristics and range of Collins Class submarines are tailored specifically for its defence and two-ocean surveillance role in the Royal Australian Navy. The Collins Class submarines are designed to be as quiet as advanced technology can achieve. One of the first submarines to be totally designed by computers, these submarines boast a vast range of features including a high performance hull form, highly automated controls, low indiscretion rates, high shock resistance and an efficient weapons handling and discharge system

Australian Clearance Diving Team 4 is one of two commissioned Clearance Diving Teams in the Royal Australian Navy. They are the Australian Defence Force's specialist divers, who operate in-service diving equipment to the maximum permissible depths.

Indicative Program:

Your program will commence with a tour of the base to orientate you with the facilities and key base personnel. You will then have the opportunity to:

- Observe how some of the most highly skilled personnel in the Navy conduct their duties in support of submarine operations.
- Visit the Weapon Training Simulation System facility and observe or take part in weapons training.
- Undertake some capability activities with Clearance Diving Team 4.
- Participate in a training demonstration at the Royal Australian Navy School of Survivability and Ship Safety, which includes firefighting, dealing with fast and slow floods and defence against nuclear, biological and chemical attacks.
- Pending participant's health suitability and platform availability, join the crew of a Collins Class submarine for two-to-three days at sea.

Location: Rockingham, WA

Dates: This is a five day program – Dates are flexible within the parliamentary recess periods

Participants: Three per activity

Medical Requirements: Participants are required to have a General Practitioner complete a medical assessment prior to participation.



Option 2: Fleet Base East – Surface Combatants

Outline:

Centered at Fleet Base East (Sydney) this option will provide participants with a comprehensive overview of the role that the Surface Combatant Group plays in support of Navy's mission.

In their war-fighting role, surface combatants are expected to counter a wide variety of threats across all domains. They must be capable of conducting constabulary tasks such as dealing with piracy, illegal fishing, bio-diversity (quarantine) infringements, human trafficking, drug and arms smuggling and illegal maritime arrivals. Furthermore, they must be able to participate in an equally broad range of diplomatic operations either independently, or as part of a larger task force.



Indicative Program:

Your program will commence with a tour of the Garden Island Defence Precinct and Fleet Headquarters to orientate you to the facilities and key base personnel. You will then have the opportunity to:

- Meet the highly skilled members of Fleet Headquarters and gain an understanding of Navy within the Whole-of Government operational context.
- Visit HMAS *Watson* and observe the next generation of Navy's leaders undergo maritime warfare training and/or take part in simulated maritime warfare training using state of the art simulators.
- This option will be rounded off with two-to-three days at sea in a Destroyer or Frigate, embedded within the ship's departments gaining an understanding of the platform's capabilities and to experience what life at sea is like for our Navy personnel.

Location: Sydney, NSW

Dates: This is a five day program – Dates are flexible within the parliamentary recess periods

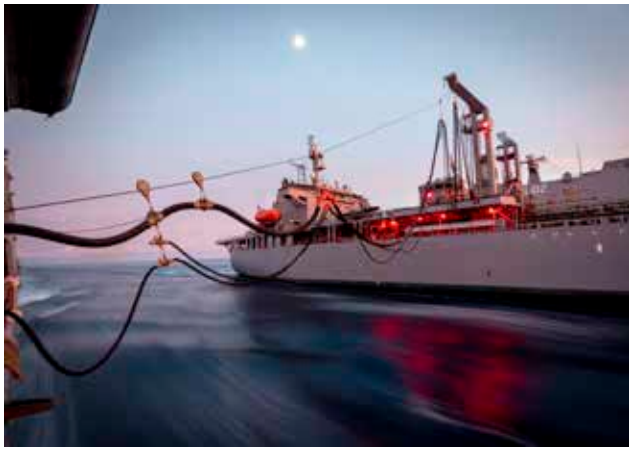
Participants: Three per activity

Option 3: Amphibious & Fleet Support

Outline:

Centred at Fleet Base East (Sydney) this option will provide participants with a comprehensive overview of the role the Amphibious Afloat Support Group plays in support of Navy's mission.

Amphibious forces, by their nature, possess mobility in mass, but their defining characteristic is their unique cross-domain mobility making them useful across the full spectrum of military, constabulary and diplomatic tasks. In periods of tension putting a maritime force to sea can be prudent, providing a gesture of support to allies or a threat to adversaries. The capacity to provide a sustained forward presence is a powerful diplomatic tool, while its ability to manoeuvre freely at sea can be used to escalate or defuse tensions as required.



Indicative Program:

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- Meet the highly skilled members of Fleet Headquarters and gain an understanding of Navy within the Whole-of Government operational context.
- Visit HMAS *Watson* and observe the next generation of Navy's leaders undergo maritime warfare training and/or take part in simulated maritime warfare training using state of the art simulators.
- The option will be rounded off with two-to-three days at sea in a major amphibious ship, embedded within the ship's departments gaining an understanding of the platform's capabilities and to experience what life at sea is like for our Navy personnel.

Location: Sydney, NSW

Dates: This is a five day program – Dates are flexible within the parliamentary recess periods

Participants: Three per activity

Option 4: Navy Aviation & Officer Training

Outline:

This option will provide you an opportunity to engage with Navy's emerging leaders as they undertake initial training, as well as gain an understanding of the Navy's aviation capability.

HMAS *Creswell*, located in Jervis Bay in the Shoalhaven area south of Sydney, was originally established as a training school for young officers prior to the First World War. Today, all Navy officers commence their career at HMAS *Creswell*. The base also provides support to operations within Jervis Bay and the Eastern Australian Exercise Area.

HMAS *Albatross*, on the outskirts of Nowra in New South Wales, is the centre of naval aviation in Australia. It is the home to the Fleet Air Arm who operate the Navy's combat training helicopters. The base is also home to the Tactical Electronic Warfare Support Section, the Naval Weather and Oceanographic Centre, the Joint Acoustic Analysis Centre, the Army's Parachute Training School and the popular Fleet Air Arm Museum.

Indicative Program:

Your program will commence with a tour of the base to orientate you to the facilities and key base personnel. You will then have the opportunity to:

- Explore HMAS *Creswell*, one of Navy's most historic establishments, gaining an insight into the birth and history of the Australian Navy.
- Join the next generation of Navy's leaders as part of the Initial Entry Officer Course undertake training.
- Visit the Navy school of Survivability and Ship Safety and participate in a training demonstration which includes firefighting, dealing with fast and slow floods, and defence against nuclear, biological and chemical attack.
- At HMAS *Albatross* (Norwa) you will gain an understanding of the naval aviation capability through engagement with Navy aircrew.
- Fly one of the Navy's 'state-of-the-art' helicopters in a flight simulator, participate in Helicopter Underwater Escape Training (HUET) and an opportunity to fly in a Navy helicopter.

Location: Jervis Bay, NSW

Dates: This is a five day program – Dates are flexible within the parliamentary recess periods

Participants: Five per activity

Option 5: Fleet Certification Period 2022

Outline:

Fleet Certification Period 2021 is a training exercise based on supported Annual Continuation Training conducted by the Royal Australian Navy. Embarking with the Task Group, you will observe Navy's capability, to operate a number of ships under one commander and focus primarily on sea control operations. This may include the full spectrum of maritime security operations such as diplomacy and international engagement, humanitarian and disaster relief, constabulary and peacekeeping operations and at the upper end of the spectrum, warfighting.



Indicative Program:

Your program will commence with a tour of the Garden Island Defence Precinct and Fleet Headquarters to orientate you to the facilities and key base personnel. You will then have the opportunity to:

- Embark with a Navy Task Group for up to five days on a warship and Navy's support ship.
- Meet the highly skilled members of the Task Group as they conduct operational planning in the context of Whole-of-Government and inter-agency operations.
- Embed with the various ship's departments to experience and gain an understanding of the range of crew responsibilities and experience what life at sea is like for our Navy personnel.
- Be introduced to the work of Navy's sailors undertaking operations in support of a high-end warfighting mission.

Location: Sydney, NSW

Dates: This is a five day activity scheduled between 21 Feb – 7 Mar

Participants: Three


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Before Federation, each of the Australian colonies had their own armies composed of a mixture of regulars (paid full-time soldiers), militia (paid part-time soldiers), and volunteers (unpaid part-time soldiers). In March 1901, the Commonwealth Government assumed responsibility for defence matters and the colonial armies were merged to form the Commonwealth Military Forces. The Australian Military Forces, as they soon became known, remained a part-time force of citizen soldiers with only a small regular component, and were restricted to service on Australian territory. Two special volunteer forces, both known as the Australian Imperial Force, were formed for service overseas during the two world wars.

After the Second World War, the Australian Military Forces were reorganised. The Australian Regular Army was formed in September 1947 which was supported by the reorganised Citizen Military Forces. In 1980, the "Australian Army" was officially given this name.

The formation of the Australian Women's Army Service (AWAS) was authorised by the Government on 13 August 1941. The AWAS was the only non-medical women's service to send personnel overseas during the war; in 1944 and 1945 AWAS served in both Dutch and Australian New Guinea. AWAS personnel served as signallers, cipher clerks, drivers and cooks, and over 3,000 manned fixed Defence units in the defence of Australia. By 30 June 1947, all members of the AWAS had been demobilised.

Facing severe manpower shortages due to the demands of the Korean War (1950-53) and national service in a time of full employment, enlistment for the Women's Royal Australia Army Corps (WRAAC) recommenced in April 1951. By the late 1970s, female soldiers began to be integrated into the Army at large and in early 1894, the WRAAC was disbanded.

Today, the Australian Army is engaged in operations all over the world including the Pacific, Asia, Africa, and domestically encompassing deployments to the United Nations and other peacekeeping missions, assistance to national efforts responding to COVID-19 and natural disasters, and capacity building and training exercises.


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Option 6: 8th/9th Battalion Exercise RAMSHOT



Outline:

The 8th/9th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, is located at Enoggera Barracks in Brisbane as part of the Army's 7th Brigade.

Exercise RAMSHOT is an individual section-level training of tactical tasks including ambush, attack, attack by fire, support by fire, and area defence designed to test and evaluate both the individual soldier and the small teams in which they operate. The exercise will be conducted at both Greenbank Training Area and Wide Bay Training Area, QLD and is used to prepare individuals for more complex training activates across the Battalion and Brigade.

Indicative Program:

Your program will commence with a tour of the base and training areas to orientate you to the facilities and key base personnel. You will then have the opportunity to:

- Conduct familiarisation training with Australian weapons and equipment, and receive safety briefs where appropriate.
- Deploy with combat elements to the field environment.
- Observe a section level patrol and attack/ ambush.
- Receive instruction on field craft and have the opportunity to practice some of these skills.

Location: Brisbane, QLD

Dates: This is a four day activity scheduled between 14 - 18 Feb

Participants: Four

Option 7: School of Artillery – Artillery Live Fire Exercise

Outline:

The Combined Arms Training Centre in Puckapunyal, VIC, is the Army's premier institute preparing officers and soldiers for employment as warfighting specialists. The training centre governs the corps schools of armour, artillery, engineers and infantry where recruits are provided the necessary knowledge and skills to function as a team member in their respective trade.

The role of the School is to conduct individual Artillery, Mortar, Surveillance and Target Acquisition, and Air-Land training in order to enable the generation of Army's foundation war fighting capability.



Indicative Program:

Your program will commence with a tour of the base and training areas to orientate you to the facilities and key base personnel. You will then have the opportunity to:

- Observe and participate in soldier training, including drill, weapons, field craft and a variety of other theoretical lessons at the School of Artillery.
- Meet new Army officers undergoing their initial employment training following their graduation from the Royal Military College of Australia.
- Conduct familiarisation training with Australian weapons and equipment, and receive safety briefs where appropriate.
- Deploy with combat elements to the field environment.
- Experience a live fire exercise and view simulated and live fire forward observer training with the Army's digitised battlefield.

Location: Puckapunyal, VIC

Dates: This is a three day activity scheduled between 28 Feb - 4 Mar

Participants: Four

Option 8: 2nd Battalion - Advanced Small Craft Operator Course

Outline:

The 2nd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (2 RAR) is an amphibious light infantry battalion of the Australian Army and part of the 1st Division Amphibious Task Group based at Lavarack Barracks in Townsville.

As part of this role, the 2RAR provides the ADF with an amphibious capability specialised in the provision of a pre-landing force – the eyes and ears to a commander of an amphibious mission, landing first in support of ADF tasks, using small crafts to enhance mobility along inland waterways and in coastal areas that would be difficult to negotiate by other means.

To ensure the small craft operators are highly trained, the advanced small craft operator's course provides individuals with the collective skills training needed for insertion and extraction by small craft in all surf conditions by day and night.

Indicative Program:

Your program will commence with a tour of the base and training areas to orientate you to the facilities and key base personnel. You will then have the opportunity to:

- Experience a day in the life of the trainees and instructors of the small craft operators course to learn about this capability and get hands-on with the equipment.
- Participate in training activities including: rocky landings, surf negotiation, parent craft drills, approach swimmer drills, beach landing site preparation and reception, advanced marine navigation, and tactical operations.

Location: Moreton Bay, QLD

Dates: This is a three day activity scheduled between 21 - 25 Febb

Participants: Three

Option 9: Army Aviation Test and Evaluation

Outline:

HQ Army Aviation Command was established in July 2021, in accordance with the AFSIP 2020, to ensure Army's aviation capability is Ready Now and Future Ready. The Command's mission is to deliver aviation capability in order to support Army's generation of land power to the Joint Force.

The 1st Aviation Regiment is one of the Australian Army's three Army Aviation regiments and provides aerial reconnaissance and fire support to the Australian Army. The 1st Aviation Regiment is equipped with Eurocopter Tiger attack helicopters.

This activity is Army Aviation Test and Evaluation conducted from a Canberra class Landing Helicopter Dock at sea.



Indicative Program:

Your program will commence with a tour of the ship to orientate you to the facilities and key personnel. You will then have the opportunity to:

- Embark on a Canberra class Landing Helicopter Dock for two-to-three days at sea.
- Embedded with members of the Army Aviation Test and Evaluation Section, gain insights into the integration of Army rotary wing aircraft (Tiger ARH) with the Navy and LHDs, in a controlled environment.
- Gain an understanding of the ARH Ship's Helicopter Operating Limits expansion activity, Force Modernisation and aviation Test & Evaluation Procedures.
- Observe flying operations of the rotary wing aircraft.

Location: Brisbane, QLD

Dates: This is a three day program – Dates are flexible between 15 – 25 Mar

Participants: Three

Option 10: Exercise DIAMOND STRIKE



Outline:

Exercise Diamond Strike is an Army live fire combined arms training activity conducted predominately by units from the Australian Army, 7th Combat Brigade which is a multi-role combat brigade consisting of infantry, armoured, engineer, signal and logistic elements.

This exercise ensures these Army elements are ready for potential future deployments ranging from humanitarian assistance missions through to war fighting operations. There is a heavy focus on technological advancement such as the implementation of digitisation as a means of improving situational awareness, speed of decision and rates of execution, particularly in a contested electromagnetic spectrum environment.

Indicative Program:

Your program will commence with a tour of the base and training area to orientate you to the facilities and key base personnel. You will then have the opportunity to:

- Receive familiarisation training with Australian weapons and equipment, and receive safety briefs where appropriate.
- Receive instruction on field craft and have the opportunity to practice some of these skills.
- Participate in stability operations training from company to battlegroup level combined arms.
- Participate in live fire range practices by armoured fighting vehicle, infantry, artillery and combat engineer elements.
- Observe planning, orders delivery, rehearsals, and conduct of an Air mobile insertion.

Location: Townsville Field Training Area, QLD

Dates: This is a five day program – Dates are flexible between 23 May – 4 Jun

Participants: Four

Option 11: Exercise SEA RAIDER

Outline:

Exercise Sea Raider, is a field training exercise conducted in the vicinity of Shoal Water Bay Training Area and nearby Non-Defence Training Areas. The exercise will consist of amphibious force integration training and is the culmination of training throughout the year of all elements conducting a beach assault with a mission to secure and seize an objective inland. The intent of the activity is to incorporate a live fire component.

Units participating in EX SEA RAIDER include: Headquarters 1st Division, Australian Amphibious Force, supported by Ground Combat Element from 1st Battalion, Air Combat Element and Logistics Combat Elements.



Indicative Program:

Your program will commence with a tour of the ship to orientate you to the facilities and key personnel. You will then have the opportunity to:

- Embark on a Canberra class Landing Helicopter Dock for two-to-three days at sea.
- View the preparation for and execution of a beach assault by a Battle Group organisation.
- Receive familiarisation training with Australian weapons and equipment, and receive safety briefs where appropriate.
- Participate in either a surface assault vessel or helicopter operations.

Location: Shoal Water Bay Training Area, QLD

Dates: This is a five day activity scheduled between 19 - 23 Sep

Participants: Four

Option 12: Exercise GAUNTLET STRIKE

Outline:

The Combined Arms Training Centre in Puckapunyal, VIC, is the Army's premier institute preparing officers and soldiers for employment as warfighting specialists. The training centre governs the corps schools of armour, artillery, engineers and infantry where recruits are provided the necessary knowledge and skills to function as a team member in their respective trade.

The School of Armour trains armoured fighting vehicle (AFV) personnel, combat communicators and combat arms officers in order to support the generation of Army's foundation warfighting capability.

Exercise GAUNTLET STRIKE is the Culminating Combined Arms exercise for all Combined Arms Regimental Officer Basic Courses (Infantry, Armoured, Artillery and Engineers). It consists of a Combat Team level Blank and Live Fire activities.

Indicative Program:

Your program will commence with a tour of the base and training areas to orientate you to the facilities and key base personnel. You will then have the opportunity to:

- Observe and participate in soldier training, including drill, weapons, field craft and a variety of other theoretical lessons at the School of Armour.
- Meet new Army officers undergoing their initial employment training.
- Conduct familiarisation training with Australian weapons and equipment, and receive safety briefs where appropriate.
- Deploy with combat elements to the field environment to observe Combined Arms Combat Team exercises both blank and live.
- Participate in activities including planning and orders delivery, followed by execution of the tactical tasks by men and women who will be the newest junior officers in the Army's combat corps.

Location: Puckapunyal

Dates: This is a three day program – Dates are flexible between 20 – 30 Jun

Participants: Four





Military aviation was pioneered during the First World War and it wasn't long before both the armies and navies of all the major combatants operated aircraft. Late in the war, when it was realised that aerial fighting was a distinct form of warfare and not just an adjunct to land or sea operations, some nations formed specialist air forces. Combining the Royal Naval Air Service and the Royal Flying Corps, Great Britain formed the Royal Air Force in 1918, however the four squadrons of the Australian Flying Corps (AFC) remained part of the Australian Imperial Force (Army). In 1920, the remnants of the AFC became the Australian Air Corps, which in turn became the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) on 31 March 1921, making it the second-oldest independent air force in the world.

The Women's Auxiliary Australian Air Force (WAAAF) was formed in March 1941 after considerable lobbying by women keen to serve, and by the Chief of the Air Staff who wanted to release male personnel serving in Australia for overseas service. The WAAAF was the largest of the Second World War women's services. It was disbanded in December 1947 with a new Australian women's air force formed in July 1950. In November of that year it became the Women's Royal Australian Air Force (WRAAF). The WRAAF was disbanded in the early 1980s at which time female personnel were absorbed into the RAAF.

Today, the RAAF consists of more than 18,000 full-time and reserve personnel and operates more than 250 aircraft. The RAAF of the 21st century generates kinetic and non-kinetic air and space effects across the sea, land, air, space and cyber operating domains. It conducts roles comprising controlling the air, precision strike, intelligence gathering and surveillance, and air mobility.



Option 13: RAAF Base Darwin & Exercise PITCH BLACK 22

Outline:

RAAF Base Darwin is located in the Northern Territory, situated close to the Darwin City centre, and is a key ADF mounting airbase for the Indo-Pacific region. It has one of the busiest operational tempos of any Air Force base, typically hosting over 35 ADF exercises annually, including the multi-nation Talisman Sabre and PITCH BLACK exercises. RAAF Darwin also hosts a six-month deployment of United States Marine Corps personnel and their aircraft under the United States Force Posture Initiative (USFPI).

The primary mission of RAAF Darwin is to operate as a main operating base (MOB) for the generation and sustainment of airpower capability of aircraft operated by the ADF and partner countries. RAAF Darwin does not host permanent resident flying squadrons, but sees a high operational tempo through single and joint Service exercises, support to enduring and contingency operations, and six month rotations of the United States Marine Corps (USMC) as part of the Marine Rotation Force Darwin (MRF-D).

Exercise PITCH BLACK is Air Force's premier training exercise for achieving multinational integration and promoting international engagement objectives. This exercise assists Air Force in meeting Defence's broader international engagement policy goals, recognising the complementary consideration international engagement holds within Air Force's force generation, and illustrating its practical implementation as a line of effort within Air Force Strategy.

Exercise PITCH BLACK will focus on Large Force Employment Offensive Counter Air scenarios, with options for Air Interdiction and Air Land Integration scenarios in a complex environment.

Indicative Program:

Your program will commence with a tour of the base to orientate you to the facilities and key base personnel. You will then have the opportunity to:

- Visit the Air Movements Section to gain an appreciation for the crucial role RAAF Darwin plays in supporting aircraft operations, particularly Humanitarian Assistance Disaster Relief (HADR) to regional neighbours. RAAF Darwin also regularly assists the Australian Medical Assistance Teams (AUSMAT) from the National Critical Care and Trauma Response Centre (NCCTRC) to deploy from Darwin.
- Visit the Marine Rotation Force Darwin working areas and flight line to learn more about the USFPI initiative and Darwin rotation.
- Attend Exercise PITCH BLACK 22 Intelligence and scenario mass briefs. Participate in pre and post-flight planning. Gain an insight into the planning of large force employment in a complex international setting. Visit the SQNs whom have deployed to RAAF Darwin for the exercise and tour the flight lines and where possible participate in an air to air refueling flight.

Location: Darwin, NT

Dates: This is a four day activity scheduled between 5 – 8 Sep

Participants: Three

Option 14: RAAF Base Williamtown and Exercise DIAMOND SHIELD

Outline:

RAAF Base Williamtown, located north of Newcastle in New South Wales, is one of the Air Force's busiest and most complex bases. The base includes Headquarters Air Combat Group, responsible for developing and maintaining the expertise to competently operate world class fighter aircraft; Headquarters Surveillance and Response Group which commands the Air Force's airspace and air battle management capability; and Combat Support Group which provides airbase operations support functions and contingency response to national and international relief support tasks.

A variety of aircraft permanently operate from RAAF Williamtown, including the F35A Lightning II, Hawk 127, E-7A Wedgetail Airborne Early Warning and Control aircraft and PC21 Pilatus Forward Aircraft Control aircraft.

Exercise DIAMOND SHIELD is the Defensive Counter Air phase of the Air Warfare Instructors Course run by the RAAF School of Air Warfare at RAAF Williamtown.

Indicative Program:

Your program will commence with a tour of the base to orientate you to the facilities and key base personnel. You will then have the opportunity to:

- Experience the day to day life of a 3 Squadron F-35A Lightning Pilot.
- Join 4 Squadron Combat Controllers by utilising the latest technologically advanced equipment and experience controlling Close Air Support.
- Gain an understanding of Australia's Air and Space Surveillance and Battle Management Capabilities.
- Spend time with the crew of an E-7A Wedgetail Airborne Early Warning and Control aircraft, including pilot and mission crew simulator sessions.
- Experience the Hawk 127 Lead-in Fighter, flying the aircraft through the Hawk simulator to get the full experience.
- Participate in a range of Combat Support activities including: the simulated destruction of an Improvised; Explosive Device; Airfield Fire Fighting; and live firing range/capabilities demonstration.

Location: Williamtown, NSW

Dates: This is a four day activity scheduled between 3 - 7 Oct

Participants: Three

Option 15: RAAF Bases Edinburgh, Woomera & Exercise GRIFFIN FURY

Outline:

RAAF Base Edinburgh is located in the Northern Suburbs of Adelaide. It is home to the Maritime arm of Surveillance and Response Group, and Aerospace Operational Support Group of the ADF as well as many lodger and visiting units, including Army and Navy personnel.

RAAF Base Woomera is located approximately 450 kilometres north of Adelaide. Woomera Test Range operates in support of both Defence and National objectives. The Woomera Test Range provides Defence with a self-reliant capability for conducting Test and Evaluation (T&E) and Research and Engineering (R&E) activities for manned and unmanned aircraft, weapons, electronic warfare systems and navigation warfare systems.

Exercise GRIFFIN FURY is a kinetic effects Verification, Validation and Certification (VV&C) event that aims to test tactical procedures, test weapon performance and collect data for simulation purposes. This activity is in direct support to the F-35A Initial Operational Capability process.

Exercise GRIFFIN FURY is scheduled to occur during the month of September 2022 and will be conducted primarily from RAAF Woomera, with air assets from RAAF Bases Woomera, Williamtown and Amberley. The proposed exercise participants will include F35A, F/A-18F, F/A-18A/B, KC-30A, E-7A (TBC), Search and Rescue helicopter and KA350 King Air aircraft to support transport requirements.

Indicative Program:

Your program will commence with a tour of the base to orientate you to the facilities and key base personnel. You will then have the opportunity to:

- Gain an insight into Surveillance and Response Group P-8A Poseidon Maritime Patrol capabilities and facilities.
- Visit the Air Warfare Centre facilities at RAAF Edinburgh.
- Join a military flight from RAAF Edinburgh to RAAF Woomera (TBC), with overflight of the Woomera Weapon Ranges
- Tour the Woomera Test Range facilities to see where the RAAF conducts weapon system test and evaluation.
- Participate in the conduct of Exercise GRIFFIN FURY, a Verification, Validation and Certification (VV&C) activity in support of the F-35A Weapon system.
- Spend time in action with 20 Squadron, as they support aviation operations, fuel, security, airfield engineering, Air Traffic Control, and other airbase functions.
- Receive a brief on Project AIR 3024 Phase 1 – modernisation of the aerospace Test and Evaluation and Research and Engineering equipment at the Woomera Test Range.

Location: Edinburgh and Woomera, SA

Dates: This is a four day activity scheduled in Sep

Participants: Two



Option 16: RAAF Base Amberley

Outline:

RAAF Base Amberley is the largest operational base in the Air Force, employing over 6,500 service and civilian personnel. It is located near Ipswich, 50 km southwest of Brisbane.

RAAF Amberley is home to five of the Air Force's newest air capabilities, including the EA18G Growler, F/A-18F Super Hornet, the KC-30A Multi Role Tanker Transport, C17A Globemaster and C-27J Spartan. The Base is also the Headquarters for Combat Support Group which is responsible for air base services, command, control and management at fixed and expeditionary airbases in support of air operations.

RAAF Amberley also includes Army units: 9th Force Support Battalion, 6th Engineer Support Regiment and Land 121 Training Wing. Other units include Joint Logistics, Joint Health and Joint Policing as well as a number of Defence Industry Contractors and Base Support Contractors and organisations.

Indicative Program:

Your program will commence with a tour of the base to orientate you to the facilities and key base personnel. You will then have the opportunity to:

- Visit Air Movements and get hands on experience preparing, loading or unloading a KC30, C-17 or C-27.
- Participate in a C-17A, F/A-18F or KC-30A simulator. Take a familiarisation flight on a KC-30A Multi Role Tanker Transport or a C-17A Globemaster.
- Take the opportunity for a flight in the C-27 and observe the practice drop of a Humanitarian Assistance Disaster Relief (HADR) supplies.
- Observe how the Health Services Wing set up an aero-medical evacuation facility on the C-17A Globemaster.
- Tour the facilities and deployable capability of the Amberley Health Centre and Joint Health Command.
- Participate in a Protected Mobility Vehicle (Bushmaster) familiarisation drive and conduct a weapons shoot at the Weapon Training Simulation System facility.
- Take the opportunity to observe the military working dogs in training and the breeding program.
- Take a tour of the on and off road safe driving area and driver training facility before getting behind the controls of one of the vehicles for a challenging drive across the cross country circuit at the Greenbank Driver training complex

Location: Ipswich, QLD

Dates: This is a four day activity. Dates are flexible within the autumn and spring parliamentary recess periods

Participants: Four per activity

Option 17: RAAF Bases Pearce and Learmonth

Outline:

RAAF Base Pearce in Bullsbrook, Western Australia is one of Air Force's key flight training bases. The Base is responsible for graduating Air Force trainee pilots from Number 2 Flying Training Squadron, and Singaporean pilots from Number 130 Squadron. It also provides initial fast jet aircraft conversion training via Number 79 Squadron.

RAAF Base Pearce is administered by Number 25 Squadron, and provides crucial support for many Australian Defence Force operations and exercises conducted within and from Western Australia. RAAF Base Pearce also supports Navy and Army activities in the area. Number 25 Squadron is also responsible for supporting operations from RAAF Base Learmonth (Exmouth).

RAAF Base Learmonth, also known as Learmonth Airport, is a joint use Royal Australian Air Force base and civil airport. It is located near the town of Exmouth on the north-west coast of Western Australia. The base is one of the Air Force's three bare bases that can be used for exercises or operational requirements. RAAF Base Learmonth supports a number of associated sites to support Defence capability including the Learmonth Air Weapons Range which covers 18,954 ha.

Indicative Program:

Your program will commence with a tour of the base to orientate you to the facilities and key base personnel. You will then have the opportunity to:

- Visit Number 2 Flying Training Squadron's state of the art facility, and participate in a simulator ride in a PC-21, Australia's newest training aircraft.
- Get suited up as a pilot and participate in a flight around the Perth surrounding area.
- Participate in the Hawk 127 simulator and gain an insight into how students progress onto a fast jet engine aircraft.
- Visit Singapore Number 130 Squadron.
- Observe the Military Working Dogs at Number 3 Security Forces Squadron Detachment Pearce.
- Travel to RAAF Learmonth, a Forward Operating Base, to experience life on a remote RAAF Base. Flying opportunities may be available depending on flight operations and training at the time.

Location: Perth, WA

Dates: This is a flexible three or five day activity.

Three days for Pearce only and five if Learmonth is included.

Pearce dates are flexible within the parliamentary recess periods. Pearce & Learmonth dates are scheduled for Sep or Oct.

Participants: Two per activity

Option 18: RAAF Base East Sale

Outline:

RAAF Base East Sale is located 220 km south east of Melbourne, in Victoria's Gippsland region and is the home of Air Force officer training. New officers attend the Officers' Training School for 17 weeks of initial training, with aviation specialists moving to the

Air Academy for their next phase of training to become Defence pilots and mission aircrew. Other Base units include the Central Flying School, No 1 Flying Training School, School of Air Traffic Control, Air Mission Training School, No 32 Squadron and No 30 (Airbase Operations) Squadron. RAAF Base East Sale operates as an integrated military, civilian and contractor workforce responsible for the delivery and sustainment of training aircraft and flight training devices and the provision of support functions and contingency response.

Two aircraft types are permanently home based at RAAF Base East Sale. No 32 Squadron operate the Beechcraft Super King Air B300, as a Mission Aircrew training aircraft and in the Air Logistic Support role. Central Flying School and No 1 Flying Training School both operate the Pilatus PC-21 aircraft as part of the Pilot Training System. Central Flying School also fly the PC-21 to conduct Flying Instructors Course and as part of the Roulettes flying display team.

The Base has experienced major growth since 2008, with the arrival of Officers' Training School, a Base redevelopment completed in 2014 and more recently, infrastructure development with the transition to the Pilot Training System and introduction of the PC-21.

Indicative Program:

Commencing with a tour of the base to orientate you to the facilities and key base personnel. You will then have the opportunity to:

- Experience initial officer training including drill, teamwork, leadership and ground defence training.
- Visit the Dutson Air Weapons Range to interact with students in a field environment and experience an explosive ordnance demolition activity.
- Observe officer aircrew candidate selection processes and experience simulators used for pilot training system.
- Experience on-the job training requirements for military Air Traffic Control.
- Experience air mission training including simulator activity with Air Mission Training School.
- Take a flight in a Pilatus PC-21 and observe how the aircraft performs in a training and aerobatic environment.
- Join Number 32 Squadron and Air Mission Training School team to participate in a mission aboard a Beechcraft King Air aircraft.

Location: Sale, VIC

Dates: This is a four day activity. Dates are flexible within the parliamentary recess periods

Participants: Two per activity


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The role of Joint Operations Command (JOC) is to plan, control and conduct operations, activities and actions as directed to meet Australia's strategic objectives. JOC is the critical node in applying Defence capability at the operational level and conducts operations and exercise to meet government aims, deepen Australia's alliances and partnerships, and prepare the Joint Force for future contingencies.

JOC emerged from its predecessor, the Headquarters Australian Theatre (HQAST) in 2004, to reflect the changing internal structure of the ADF and the need to establish a purpose built, co-located joint headquarters. The complex is known as the General John Baker Complex, named after a former Chief of Defence Force who was a strong advocate of joint command and control.

JOC is a capable, agile and adaptive organisation enabled by a world-class intelligence architecture and a diverse range of domestic and international partners. In the coming decade, JOC will continue to enhance its position as a leading global exponent of Joint Force Command, control and capability integration to deliver the Government's direction for Defence to Shape, Deter, Respond.

Option 19: Operation RESOLUTE

Outline:

Operation RESOLUTE is Defence's contribution to protect Australia's offshore maritime interests. The area of operations covers approximately 10 percent of the world's surface and includes Australia's Exclusive Economic Zone (AEEZ) extending up to 200nm from the Australian mainland and offshore territories. Christmas, Cocos Keeling, Heard, McDonald, Macquarie, Norfolk and Lord Howe Islands also fall within the Operation RESOLUTE boundaries.

ADF contributes forces for Operation RESOLUTE through Joint Task Force 639 to Maritime Border Command (MBC), which is a multi-agency taskforce within the Australian Border Force (ABF). MBC uses assets from ABF and ADF to conduct civil maritime security operations. MBC's maritime surveillance and response activities are commanded and controlled from MBC Headquarters.

With increasing emphasis on inter-governmental agency interaction, this is an excellent opportunity to join the ADF, Australian Border Force and other agencies in their combined role at Maritime Border Command to protect Australia's borders and maritime interests.

Indicative Program:

Commencing in Canberra with a day in Headquarters Maritime Border Command and Headquarters Joint Operations Command in Canberra and Bungendore, where participants will be briefed on the gamut of ADF operations and strategic aspects of maritime border protection activities.

- Travel to Darwin or Cairns and visit the Regional Force Surveillance Group to learn about their contribution to Border Protection Operations and the 'Closing the Gap' initiative.
- Embark on an Australian Border Force Dash-8 aircraft as it conducts an aerial patrol of Australia's northern approaches.
- Undertake a day sea-ride on one of Navy's Armidale Class Patrol Boats or Australian Border Force Cape Class Patrol Boats.
- Witness Boarding Party drills and Transit Security Element carrying out related activities.
- Participate in training activities being undertaken by Transit Security Element including familiarisation training with Australian weapons and equipment, and receive safety briefs where appropriate.

Location: Canberra, ACT. Darwin, NT or Cairns, QLD

Dates: This is a five day activity. Dates are flexible within the parliamentary recess periods

Participants: Two per activity



Option 20: HQ Joint Operations Command

Outline:

The Australian Headquarters Joint Operations Command (HQJOC) is the ADF's operational level headquarters and responsible for the command and control of ADF operations worldwide.

HQJOC plans, controls and conducts ADF military operations, joint exercises and other activities in order to meet Australia's national objectives. The unified command and control structure of JOC ensures the three services are aligned with one another all the way from planning, through to deployment and operations.

HQJOC, together with Maritime, Land, Air, Special Operations and Joint Movements components, is located at the General John Baker Complex, 30km east of Canberra on the Kings Highway, NSW.



Indicative Program:

Commencing with a tour of the base to orientate you to the facilities and key base personnel. You will then have the opportunity to:

- Meet HQJOC representatives where you will be briefed on current ADF Operations within Australia and abroad.
- Meet key Command staff and be briefed on the ADF activities to support the sustainment of ADF operations, enable contingency planning and enhance regional relationships to support the Government and advance Australian's national interests.
- You will also be able to tour the General John Baker Complex and engage the staff through a social activity.

Location: Canberra, ACT

Dates: This is a half day activity. Dates are flexible and conducted on a Friday within the sitting calendar

Participants: Five per activity

Option 21: Exercise RIMPAC 2022

Outline:

Exercise Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) is a combined major exercise conducted out of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The exercise is sponsored by the US Commander Third Fleet and aims to improve interoperability and proficiency of maritime and air force capability among coalition forces. The exercise is based on a realistic short warning scenario traditionally involving Pacific Rim nation forces. Capabilities being exercised include anti-submarine, anti-surface, anti-air, amphibious warfare and non-combat evacuation operations.

Activity Notes:

Commercial flights to and from Hawaii are to be at participant's expense. Accommodation whilst in Honolulu will be in service quarters wherever possible, otherwise there may be a requirement for hotel accommodation at participant's expense.

Please contact Executive Officer ADFPP for more details and timeframes for this option

Medical Requirements: Participants are required complete a medical self-assessment for review by a Medical Officer prior to participation.

Indicative Program:

Travel to and from Hawaii on commercial flights.

Typical activities that will be planned include:

- Helicopter transfer to. Royal Australian Navy at sea where you will be embed within the various ships' departments to experience and gain an understanding of the range of crew responsibilities.
- There may also be an opportunity to visit US Navy units including aircraft carriers and amphibious ships.
- At-sea activities in either Royal Australian Navy or US Navy ships, which may include air operations, amphibious operations, underway replenishment and weapons firing serials.
- Visit the Pacific Warfighting Centre, Ford Island – be met by Combined Forces Maritime Component Commander, attend the daily Commanders Update Brief in the Pacific Warfighting Centre, undertake a tour of the headquarters and receive an overarching RIMPAC brief.
- Observe maritime patrol and reconnaissance aircraft, where there may be an opportunity for an orientation flight.
- Visit the Pearl Harbor Heritage Orientation – Arizona Memorial, Missouri Museum and Pacific Aviation Museum.

Location: Hawaii, USA

Dates: This is a ten day activity scheduled between 1 – 10 Jun

Participants: Five

Option 22: Exercise INDO PACIFIC ENDEAVOUR

Outline:

Indo-Pacific Endeavour (IPE) is Australia's flagship regional engagement activity, which sees the annual deployment of a Joint Task Force (JTF) into the Indo-Pacific region. The JTF will include personnel from all services of the Australian Defence Force (ADF), as well as contributions from across the Department of Defence. In addition to the conduct of traditional military activities, IPE also provides an opportunity for regional engagement by a range of supporting elements from across the Australian Government.

IPE promotes security and stability in Australia's near region through bilateral and multilateral engagement, training and capacity building. Australia is committed to making effective contributions to humanitarian and security efforts in the Indo-Pacific region. Australia's vision for the Indo-Pacific is a region that is secure, open, prosperous and resilient.

Activity Notes:

Commercial flights to and from South East Asia are to be at participant's expense.

Please contact Executive Officer ADFPP for more details and timeframes for this option

Medical Requirements: Participants are required complete a medical self-assessment for review by a Medical Officer prior to participation.

Indicative Program:

Join a delegation of ADF and Australian Government personnel during the conduct of international engagement activities with partner countries across South East Asia and the Northeast Indian Ocean.

- Embark with a JTF for up to five days on a warship or major amphibious ship.
- Meet highly skilled members of the JTF and gain an understanding of partnered military training and international engagement within a whole-of-government and inter-agency context.
- Observe and participate in a range of military, defence industry, capacity building and international engagement activities.
- Observe JTF personnel planning and training for humanitarian assistance and regional crisis contingency operations.
- Embed with various ship's departments to gain an understanding of platform capabilities and experience what life at sea is like for our Navy and amphibious force personnel.

Location: South East Asia and Northeast Indian Ocean regions – itinerary TBC

Dates: This is a ten day activity scheduled between Sep - Dec

Participants: Four



Joint Capabilities Group (JCG) was formed in July 2017 as a result of the formation of the Australian Defence Force Headquarters (ADFHQ). JCG incorporates the critical support functions of the Joint Force to ensure the ADF maintains a military warfighting edge.

JCG is headed by the Chief of Joint Capabilities (CJC), who is responsible to the Chief of the Defence Force for the provision of Joint Health, Logistics, Education and Training, Military Legal Services, Information Warfare, Joint Military Police and guiding Defence's contribution to Australia's National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security. CJC manages agreed Joint projects and their sustainment, in order to support joint capability requirements.

The key components of JCG include: Joint Health Command; Joint Logistics Command; The Australian Defence College; Information Warfare Division; Gender, Peace and Security; Joint Support Services Division; Joint Military Police Unit; and Military Legal Service.

Option 23: Information Power – ADF Information and Cyber Operations

Outline:

Australian Defence Force's Information Warfare Division (IWD) is located at Russell offices. The Division, on behalf of Head Information Warfare, manages the ADF Joint Cyberspace, Electronic Warfare (EW) and Influence Activities training, projects, policy and doctrine. IWD works directly with Navy, Army and Air Force to ensure Defence is best placed to operate in and through the rapidly evolving and fiercely contested Information Environment

Indicative Program:

Over a five day program, participants will be briefed on the diverse work conducted by IWD to ensure the ADF is postured to deliver capability in the Information and Cyber warfighting domain, observe on-the-job cyber and information operations, and visit joint and single service environments to gain an understanding of the challenges faced in this rapidly changing environment.

- A series of presentations covering the ADF's Defensive Cyberspace Operations, Influence Activities and EW Capabilities, will provide an overview of current and emerging trends and threats to networks and mission systems within the Information Environment.
- Visit the Defence Security Operations Centre (DSOC) located at HMAS *Harman* and Joint Cyber Unit (JCU), embedded in the Australia Cyber Security Centre, located at Brindabella Business Park.
- Experience Defence's cutting edge Artificial Intelligence enabled Information Warfare war-game.
- Travel to Adelaide to visit Air Force's 486 Squadron to gain an understanding of a Service-level cyber operations unit, and Defence Science and Technology Group (DSTG) to see emerging technology and developments supporting the next iteration of ADF's Information Warfare capability.

Location: Canberra, ACT and Adelaide, SA

Dates: This is a five day activity. Dates are flexible within the winter and spring parliamentary recess periods

Participants: Five per activity

Option 24: ADFA Cross Country and International Cultural Day

Outline:

The Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) is a military institution which combines military education and training with academic study for an undergraduate degree. The Academy provides the academic foundation, specialist education and military training for Australian Defence Force (ADF) and international officers.

The ADFA academic curriculum pauses periodically to allow for activities that raise the esprit de corps and celebrate aspects of ADFA life. This is one such day, showcasing the athleticism of our trainees as they run the cross country in their Squadrons. This activity contributes towards the annual Lancaster Shield tournament that decides the champion Squadron of the Academy.

In the afternoon, the International Trainee Association holds the International Cultural Day, a celebration of the rich cultural diversity at ADFA. The international trainees (with succour from their embassies) will prepare national dishes for you to sample and perform cultural entertainment acts such as kick boxing displays from Thailand and war dances from Fiji.

Indicative Program:

Your program will commence with a tour of the Academy to orientate you to the facilities and key base personnel. You will then have the opportunity to:

- Be ‘adopted’ by a Squadron and be provided with a coloured Squadron shirt.
- As a member of your adopted Squadron, run the cross country.
- Engage with students to gain an understanding of their life at ADFA and their aspirations as future leaders in the ADF.
- Meet with staff including the Commandant of ADFA and staff from the University of New South Wales – Canberra, receiving an overview of the partnership between the organisations.
- Enjoy the International Cultural Day food and activities in the afternoon.
- Location: Canberra, ACT

Dates: This is a one day activity. Thursday 31 March

Participants: Five

Option 25: Australian United Nations Training and Commitments



Outline:

ADF Peace Operations Training Centre (POTC) is the ADF (and Whole of Australian Government) subject matter expertise in the delivery of United Nations Generic and Military Specific Pre-Deployment Training. In particular ADF POTC conducts a 1 week Core Pre-deployment training course that enables a contemporary understanding of the UN, the current integrated operating philosophy and the strategic political links to National contributions. This includes military and police commitments as well as a solid understanding of our current national standing in the organisation and opportunities for potential growth. This knowledge base is fundamental to balancing national and regional intentions with the realities of a highly complex system (like the UN).

Indicative Program:

Your program will commence with a tour of Australian

Defence College Weston to orientate participants to the facilities and key personnel. You will then have the opportunity to:

- Observe elements of UN Core Pre-Deployment Training focused on military, police or civilian members entering a mission.
- Visit field training elements at the Village field site at the Majura training complex
- Participate in activities which provide an understanding of the United Nations, ADF current commitments and future initiatives in Peace Operations Training

Location: Canberra, ACT

Dates: This is a two day activity. Dates are flexible within the parliamentary recess periods

Participants: Three per activity

Option 26: ADF School of Languages and International Training Centre

Outline:

The Australian Defence Force Training Centre was officially established on 01 January 2019. The Centre was formed as an amalgamation of a number of entities to better focus collectively on the delivery of joint individual training. The Centre is a key stakeholder for the synchronisation of training in the implementation of the Australian Joint Professional Military Education Continuum.

The Defence Force School of Languages (DFSL) provides language training and testing for Australian military personnel and defence civilians. The School plays an important role in generating the Australian Defence Force's languages other than English capability.

Defence International Training Centre (DITC) provides training and support to enhance Defence's international engagement. The Centre plays a pivotal role in cross cultural awareness between the Department of Defence and international militaries. The Centre is a key contributor to the Defence Cooperation Program and other bilateral training. Indicative Program:

Indicative Program:

Your program will commence with a tour of the base to orientate you to the facilities and key base personnel. You will then have the opportunity to:

- Receive introductory lessons from DFSL instructors in one of Defence's priority languages.
- Observe a demonstration of Defence linguist skills in an interpreting scenario.
- Observe Defence language lessons and meet current military language students.
- Observe and use leading-edge language learning technology, such as DFSL's Augmented Reality (AR) facility.
- Participate in a cultural activity arranged by DFSL staff and students, such as a traditional welcoming ceremony, a cooking class or other demonstrations.

Defence International Training Centre:

- Join international students in an English grammar lesson
- Participate in a cooking class with International students
- Perform English rating of International students

Location: RAAF Williams – Laverton, VIC

Dates: This is a two day activity. Dates are flexible within the autumn and spring parliamentary recess periods

Participants: Three per activity

Option 27: Joint Logistics Unit - East

Outline:

Through its extensive network of units, Joint Logistic Command delivers an extremely broad and comprehensive array of services and enabling efforts to the ADF for its domestic and international operations.

Joint Logistics Unit East is an integrated military and civilian Business Unit within Joint Logistics Command. In collaboration with our Australian Industry partners Linfox, Serco and Ventia, we provide logistics services including warehousing, distribution and material maintenance to Defence customers in New South Wales, nationally and overseas, accounting for approximately $1.5b of ADF inventory.

Defence Establishment Orchard Hills is located in Penrith, and has operated as an explosive storage site since the beginning of 1942. Current operations consist of the storage, maintenance, disposal, technical support and training associated with explosive ordnance.

Indicative Program:

Your program will commence with a tour of the base to orientate you to the facilities and key base personnel. You will then have the opportunity to:

- Tour the warehousing, distribution and material maintenance facilities, gaining an insight into the volume and complexity of Defence items required to be effectively and efficiently managed to support Defence capability.
- Experience the life of the integrated workforce in a joint logistics unit, learning how ADF/APS, contractors and Australian industry partners interact to enable Defence capability.
- Receive comprehensive briefing on management of high risk weather season and contingency response caches to support national and international responses.
- Tour the explosive storage and processing facilities to provide context on what is required in support of guided weapons maintenance for the ADF.
- Spend time with ADF movement staff to understand their relationships with the civilian population, the RAAF and the Sydney transit points, gaining an insight into their responsibilities with movement support to operations and exercises in Australia and overseas.

Location: Moorebank & Richmond, NSW

Dates: This is a three day activity. Dates are flexible within the parliamentary recess periods

Participants: Three per activity

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