

**From the Staff and Cadets of 622 Squadron Australian Air Force Cadets, Murray Bridge, South Australian, to the members of Mildenhall Register – in particular members of 622 Squadron RAF best wishes. Please find enclosed some information regarding our Organisation and in particular, our Squadron.**



## **History of the Air Training Corps/ Australian Air Force Cadets**

The Air Training Corps (A.T.C), now the Australian Air Force Cadets (A.A.F.C), was established on the 11<sup>th</sup> of June, 1941. It was started as an educational arm of the Empire Air Training Scheme to provide pilots for Commonwealth Air Forces during the early stages of the Second World War. It later expanded to include other aircrew and ground staff, and it was an important role throughout the war.

It was continued at the end of the war as a youth organisation. In August 1974 the A.T.C was disbanded but was reintroduced two years later as the Air Training Corps (AIRTC). In 1982 girls were allowed to attend for the very first time. In 2001 the A.T.C were renamed to the Australian Air Force Cadets, reflecting the support received from the Royal Australian Air Force (R.A.A.F). The A.A.F.C shares the R.A.A.F organisational model, its rank structure and R.A.A.F uniform of the day.

The aims of the A.A.F.C are to foster qualities that will enable cadets to become responsible young adults, who will make a valuable contribution to the community. No matter what career chosen, the AAFC provides a foundation of knowledge and skills that will assist you towards your future.

### **622 Squadron AAFC Murray Bridge**

The Murray Bridge community welcomed the establishment of our Squadron to the rural city in January 2010. Participation in the AAFC gives interested youth an opportunity to become better equipped for life, fostering initiative, leadership, discipline and loyalty. The AAFC has structured programme that builds on these values to foster an interest in the RAAF and all aspects of aviation. Joining as an AAFC cadet will build interpersonal skills, confidence and the experience could make finding a job easier.

Our Squadron which Parades each Friday night during school term, holds many other activities. Examples being Field Craft/ Map Reading Training weekends, Bivouacs, Firearms Safety Training, Drill and Ceremonial and Service Knowledge Training, Anzac Day Services, Cadet Non-Commissioned Officer Training weekends, General Service Training Camps at RAAF Edinburgh , Pre Promotional Course Preparation weekends, Annual Parades, LINK Training, Helicopter, Hovercraft, Rocketry & Glider Days, Bowling Nights, Community events like Relay for Life, *just to name a few!*



Our three ladies in charge of our Squadron from left to right; Catherine Waclawik (Assistant Logistics) Pilot Officer Diane Bolton (Commanding Officer) and Pilot Officer Julianne Wandel (Executive Officer). Early morning on a bivouac at our Squadrons' Base. *Left*

A 622 SQN cadet receiving an award from Air Marshal Binskin  
*left*



Our Mascot Sergeant Bunyip  
*- right*



622 SQN cadets abseiling

