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Air Force Cadets offers sky-high opportunity for local youth

Young people in the Hunter region who are looking for a challenge are invited to join a dynamic and exciting youth organisation.

The Australian Air Force Cadets (AAFC) is a voluntary organisation which aims to equip young people for community life by fostering initiative, leadership, discipline and loyalty. It is supported by the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF).

Officer Commanding 3 Wing (NSW & ACT), Wing Commander (AAFC) Wayne Laycock said cadets participate in a wide range of activities.

“Our syllabus includes practical aviation, bushcraft and survival activities,” Wing Commander Laycock said.

“In addition to weekly meetings and weekend activities, cadets have the chance to apply for specialist courses conducted on Air Force bases during school holidays.”

Cadets develop a range of life skills including self-reliance, teamwork, initiative and a sense of mateship. They also make new friends and importantly, have fun!

There are four Air Force Cadet units in the Hunter region.

No 308 (City of Maitland) Squadron meets on Wednesday nights during the school term and will hold recruit information nights on 12 March and 19 March (repeat session) at 7.00pm. Address: Scobie Barracks, Harvey Road, Rutherford.

No 316 (City of Lake Macquarie) Squadron meets on Friday evenings during the school term and will hold a recruit information session on Thursday 6 February at 7.00pm. Address: Bullecourt Barracks, Military Road, Adamstown.

No 321 (City of Newcastle) Squadron meets on Wednesday evenings during the school term and will hold a recruit information session on Wednesday 12 February and on 12 March and 19 March at 7PM. Address: Bullecourt Barracks, Military Road, Adamstown.

No 335 Squadron meets on Tuesday evenings during the school term and will conduct its next recruit information session in August 2014. Address: RAAF Base Williamtown.

Anyone interested in joining the AAFC should attend the appropriate information night with their parent or guardian to learn more. New applicants must be between 13 and 18 years of age.

For more information about Australian Air Force Cadets, visit www.aafc.org.au.