



Officer Commanding 3 Wing 2/18 BULLETIN

OC 'CATCH UP'

I have just returned from spending the weekend at the Bathurst gliding camp after travelling up there to do some flying instruction with our Cadets. However, as seems to become the norm for me now we did not get to do any flying as the wind was too strong. I am getting a sense now that these guys won't want me visiting in the future fearing the weather will turn bad as soon as I arrive! They did at least get an afternoon out at the Royal Bathurst show courtesy of WOFF(AAFC) Gibson's organising skills and my credit card!

I have to say I was really inspired by our Cadets on the flying camp last weekend. Not because of their flying or aviation knowledge but because they really embraced a workshop we ran in relation to technology of the future that we should look at using for cadet learning moving forward as part of our 2023 development strategy. They came up with some fantastic and realistic ideas that we even looked at during the workshop. Some of these included Google Classrooms, PMDG and use of AR & QR codes. Thanks guys for your enthusiasm that you gave to this and I know some of you are keen to be part of the project teams we set up to bring this stuff to life.

I also got to drop in at Richmond to visit the GST camp. They had spent their first day on camp flying with 35 SQN on the tactical transport aircraft C-27J Spartan, flying from Richmond and out to Bathurst where they flew around the Mount Panorama track. The 35 SQN crew on callsign 'Wallaby 3' did a fabulous job to make our cadets and staff feel welcome over what for them was a 12 hour day flying 3 return trip sorties to Bathurst including landing at Bathurst and providing an opportunity for the cadets to jump on board and look around etc. My thanks to FLTLTs Jason Meyers and Kris Narayan along with the loadmaster crew of WOFF Dwayne Tailor and SGT Blake Reeve along with CO 35 SQN and the AFLO for making this all happen.

The next couple of weeks is one of our busiest periods in our feet year with the many ANZAC events we will be supporting. These are an important opportunity to showcase 3WG and the AAFC in our local communities so be proud of what you will be doing and engage with our diggers and veterans on this very special day for them. This year the Sydney March will have the RAAF as the lead service. They will also be supported by the RAAF band which will be great to see. As always, we are looking for over 200 Cadets to lead the march carrying the Australian National Flag. Let us once again show our strength and ensure the Air league don't try and muscle in on this great opportunity. Currently we have 12 staff nominated and 158 cadets so get your names on the activity (40486).

This week I will be out and about visiting the UAV course at Camden, the Musicians course at Richmond and the 3WG Biv at Katoomba as well as ANZAC services in Auburn and Bankstown. I look forward to talking to some of you on my travels.

FUNDING FOR SQN ACTIVITIES

Because of a number of previously funded activities having to be cancelled for various reasons, a number of opportunities have opened up for funding support for SQNs that require transport and/or portals for existing or new activities. Requests are to be submitted via the activity CSR and by email to the AFLO Office 3WG.AFLO@defence.gov.au Funds are to be expended NLT 15 May 18.

FIRST AID CERTIFICATES

An opportunity has arisen for all CIVs, IOCs and OOCs who require initial or refresher first aid training to have their course paid for. Applications are to be submitted via 3WG.AFLO@defence.gov.au. Again, funds are to be expended NLT 15 May 18

GOVERNOR OF NSW SWORD OF HONOUR FOR EXCELLENCE

This is a final call for those senior Cadets that want to nominate for the prestigious sword of honour. Speak with your COs and discuss submitting an application. Interviews will then take place to select the finalists to represent their respective region who will then travel to Government House in Sydney for the final interview board. Good luck!

CADET EXECUTIVES CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP

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This activity is now open on C1 (Activity no 47649) and I ask that you get your travel requests through to SOOPS via your CO's by email operations.3wg@airforcecadets.gov.au no later than 30 Apr 18

REGIONAL SPORTS DAYS

Planning should be underway for your respective region's sports day to be held on the 26 May 18. This is a great opportunity to have fun, get fit and enjoy a bit of 'healthy' competition! There will be a number of sports available where teams will be selected to represent their region in the grand final play offs at the Wing competition weekend. Medals and trophies will be awarded at the competition weekend to the region that wins each sport. However, this is more about getting together with your mates, having a kick around, showing off and having some fun. CRG Reps this is your event to get organised so get in touch with your respective RXI and RXO and get as many of your SQNs on board as possible. Nominations are now open on C1 for your respective region's activity. Remember, you have to be in it to win it!

INVICTUS GAMES

I met with the President of RSL NSW James Brown about 3 Wing involvement in the Invictus Games. I now have the details of Janine Wood who is the Head of Community Engagement for Invictus Games Sydney 2018. I am in the process of arranging a meeting with her to push our case for being involved so watch this space.

3 WING HALL OF FAME

I am delighted to announce that The Honourable Sir William Deane AC KBE QC, a former Governor-General of Australia and Cadet of 9 Flight has accepted our invitation to be inducted into the 3 Wing Hall of Fame. Sir William was among the first of the 14-year-old Cadets to join the NSW ATC.in 1946. More information will be released in due course.

I think that is enough from me for now so, whatever you are doing over the next few weeks take care of yourselves and remember to look after you families and thank them too for all the running around they are doing to get you to these many events at all hours of the day.

Take care

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'Paul Hughes', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Paul Hughes
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Officer Commanding

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