



5 SQUADRON UNIT PARENT COMMITTEE

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The new 2023 Parent Support Committee team

Douglas Kruger	Chairman	Paul Lee	Committee
Katherine Williams	Treasurer	Helga McIlrath	Committee
Jacqui van Blerk	Secretary	James Snaddon	Committee
Jerry German	Fundraiser Lead	Hanita Swanepoel	Committee
Arlis Borckelmans	Committee	Madelein van der Walt	Committee
Darryl Saul	Committee	Taymuraz Zaseev	Committee
Ariella Konig	Committee		

Thank You

Our deepest gratitude to John Germain for his role as the Fundraising Lead. He has stepped down after many years of dedicated commitment to the Parent Support Committee. We would like to wish him and his family all the best on their new journey in the South Island.

Welcome from the Committee!

Air Training Corps, commonly known as Air Cadets, is a great program aimed to teach young adults skills and responsibility while having fun in the process. Our unit, 5 Squadron, has over 110 cadets actively registered this year – so one of the larger units in the country!

Reflecting on 2023

We have had a number of activities such as:
Basic 1 Camp, Unit Camp, Great Barrier Tramp, Junior and Senior NCO courses, First Aid, Shooting and Powered Flight.

Fundraiser Activities

Our current budget is approximately \$30-35k per year and used for rent, uniforms, subsidized activities, training camps, insurance, gear maintenance and replacement. Funding sources are from Annual Cadet fees, Activity fees, Fundraising events, Grants and Donations.

To keep the annual and activity costs manageable, we rely on fundraising to provide approximately 60% of the funding. This is done through activities such as helping with the Marathons, Movie Night and Quiz Night. We also receive funding via various grants that the Committee applies for. While we follow the military model protocol, we are not subsidized by the RNZAF.

Funds Raised Term 1 and 2

19 February 2023	Coatesville Half Marathon	\$2,300
2 April 2023	Waterfront Half Marathon	\$5,164
5 July	Movie Fundraiser – Indiana Jones	\$2,282

SAVE THE DATE – Fundraising Term 3 and 4

3 September 2023 5 Squadron Formal Dine-In - \$50 pp Last Sign-up: 13 August 2023

This extravagant event is part of the annual 5 Squadron tradition hosting at the Ellerslie Racecourse, including a 3-course meal and alcohol-free drinks. It is also part of the cadets training at a formal military style dinner with some traditions that will be held during the event. This year, we are fortunate to have special guests attending. The Guest of Honor is the New Zealand Chief of Air Force (rare for him to attend) along with the New Zealand Cadet Forces Commandant. This is one event you do not want to miss!

16 September 2023 Quiz Night – 7pm Individual tickets \$20 pp / Table of 8 \$150

We are hosting a Quiz Night fundraiser at the Silverdale Rugby club. There is food available and a cash licensed bar. There are 200 tickets available. All funds raised will go towards the Cadet Budget. Come along and invite your friends, family, co-workers and have a fun time!

3 December 2023 Omaha Half Marathon

All cadets and parents required to help. This is another exciting, energetic and fun activity to be part of and to close off the Squadron Unit's Fundraising events for the year.

New Van

In January, 5 Squadron was awarded a significant grant from the Lotto Foundation for the purchase of a new van for the cadets. The new van, a white 2022 Ford Transit Tourneo, has enabled the squadron to start taking groups of 9 cadets plus the driver to various cadet activities. Many thanks to John and Jerry Germain for applying for the grant and the time to select the new van!

Committee Meetings

The committee meetings are on the first Wednesday of each month during the school term between 6:45pm - 9:00pm at the North Shore Aero Club. Please consider helping the cadets with Fundraising, Donating prizes or Raffle items, or volunteering on the committee.

Communication

Email: Used for detailed messages and instructions for the parents. The committee can be reached at: committee@5squadron.org.nz

Webpage: The 5 Squadron Air Cadets Unit webpage has been expanded and now has a "Parent" section to support your cadet <https://www.5squadron.org.nz/>
(Select the "Parent" button and enter "5-squadron" for the password)

Team Reach: For all parents with the focus on key activities, fundraisers, calendar events and messages. **Team Reach Code: atc5parent2023**

SurveyMonkey: From time to time, the committee would like feedback on various questions and will send out a simple survey.

Questions: Doug Kruger **email:** doug.kruger@gmail.com or **mobile:** 022.545.6968