

# 5 Squadron Newsletter

Term 2, 2024

Editor: Helga McIlrath



## Air Training Corps(ATC)

# ANZAC Day 2024

Close to 50 of the 135 active 5 Squadron's cadets took part in the ANZAC Day celebrations on 25 April, 2024. It was such a privilege to see our cadets represent 5 Squadron and do us proud through their dedication and behaviour.

Cadets were assigned to take part at 2 different venues.

At East Coast Bays RSA, cadets joined with almost 2000 other cadets, Defence Force Personnel and various other service men and women. This included the first instance of the Sea Cadets from our unit, joining for these celebrations.

At Hibiscus Coast RSA, 5 Squadron was equally well-represented.

For both venues, cadets participated in the Dawn Service and a Civic Service.

We would like to thank all parents and cadets who attended.

## Parents Survey

We want to hear from you! Take the 5 minute survey!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NLYDBZ2>



## Inside the Issue

- 1 ANZAC Day celebrations  
Parents Survey
- 2 Recent 5 Squadron activities  
Parents Night
- 3 Unit Commander Promotion  
5 Squadron snippets
- 4 Introducing Air Cadet Ranks  
Dine-In 2024  
Communication

Comments or Feedback?

[committee@5squadron.org.nz](mailto:committee@5squadron.org.nz)



## Recent Activities

We have had a number of Squadron activities during Term 1 and 2.

A large number of cadets and parents helped at the Auckland Waterfront Marathon. As always, cadets were praised for their willingness to help and their efficiency in completing the clean-up.

This annual fundraising effort earned our Squadron \$5000 and helps keeps costs down.

On a very cold morning on 11 May, a number of cadets left Auckland to participate in the Te Rereatukahia Tramp, in the Bay of Plenty. Apart from the long drive, cadets thoroughly enjoyed the experience as well as the time spent with each other. On that same weekend, some other cadets took part in a Unit shoot.

The annual Auckland ATC Sports Day was held on Sunday, 19 May. Our cadets competed in cricket, volleyball, soccer, touch, and tug of war. Overall, our cadets had loads of fun!.

On 15 June, the B1 group had their first tramp at Sullivans Bay.

Throughout Term 1, cadets continued to have the opportunity to do flying with an instructor in a Cessna 172. This experience is a highlight for most cadets, and is something that the support committee is hoping to continue to subsidise.



## Parents Night

A parent night will be hosted in Term 3 to help parents navigate the Cadet life. Please register by 17-July - email: [douglas.kruger@5squadron.org.nz](mailto:douglas.kruger@5squadron.org.nz)





Photo from the Hibiscus Coast RSA – ANZAC Day celebrations

### Team Reach Sample

**5 Sqn ATC Parents 2024**  
Group Code: atc5parent2024

**5 Sqn ATC Parents 2024**  
Leader

**5 Sqn ATC WGP Car Pool 2024**  
Leader

**5 Sqn ATC Silverdale Car Pool 2024**  
Leader

**5 Sqn ATC Browns Bay Car Pool 2024**  
Leader

**Message from Douglas Kruger:**  
From the recent parent survey some parents have expressed an interest in "Cadet Life" and how to navigate through this. In order for the Unit Support Committee to plan for this, we need to understand who wants to attend - so we can arrange a room large enough (or split over a couple nights). Estimate 1 hour total with 20-30 min presentation Q&A.  
Topics could include resources such as websites, TeamReach, camping supplies, acronyms, etc.  
To Register for the Parent Night, please let Doug Kruger know via email: douglas.kruger@5squadron.org.nz  
In the email, include:  
- Full Name  
- Email  
- Telephone  
- Cadet Name  
- Cadet Year  
Once I have a list of interested parents, we will establish an agenda, time and location.  
Registrations open until midnight July 3, 2024 - so email before then.

**Message from Katherine Williams:**  
The Unit Support Committee invites you to complete our Parent Feedback Survey. The information and opinions provided by you all will help to inform our decisions going forward, and we want all of you to complete this survey. It will take approximately 4 minutes to complete.  
The survey link below has also been emailed to you all, but you only need to complete it ONCE, either from this link on Team Reach or from the email sent to you.  
The survey will be open for 2 weeks until Thursday 27th June.  
We look forward to receiving your feedback!  
Thank you.

## Volunteers at the Uniform Stores!



### Police vetting








We encourage any parents that are interested in helping with the cadet activities, to go through the process of Police Vetting. This will make it possible for parents to take part in cadet activities. There is no charge and the vetting is often completed within a few weeks. We occasionally have insufficient adult-cadet ratios, putting the activity at risk of not going ahead. In these instances parents that have gone through Police Vetting, are able to help out. Bring 2 forms of photo ID to a parade night, and get a form from the Unit Commander.

A heartfelt thank you to all the cadets and parent (and grandparent) volunteers that help in the stores. These adults have all been Police Vetted.










## Cadet Ranks

In the next few newsletters, we are including some basic information about Air Cadets. The Cadets have the following ranks (13-19 year olds)

Cadet Ranks and Insignia in the ATC							
NZCF Cadets	CDT 7	CDT 6	CDT 5	CDT 4	CDT 3	CDT 2	CDT 1
							
Air Cadets	Cadet Warrant Officer	No equivalent	Cadet Flight Sergeant	Cadet Sergeant	Cadet Corporal	Leading Air Cadet	Cadet
• V • L • E	CDTW/O		CDTF/S	CDTSGT	CDTCPL	LAC	CDT

## Officer Ranks

The Officers have the following ranks (20+ year olds)

Officer Ranks and Insignia in the ATC						
NZCF Officers	OFF 6	OFF 5	OFF 4	OFF 3	OFF 2	OFF 1
						
Air Cadets	Wing Commander	Squadron Leader	Flight Lieutenant	Flying Officer	Pilot Officer	Officer cadet
• V • L • E	WGCDR	SQNLDR	FLTLT	FGOFF	PLTOFF	OFFCDT

## Communication

We are still refining our communication model that makes sense for both the Parents/Caregivers as well as the volunteer staff. We have various constraints and requirements that have led to the following model. Improvements continue to be made.

- **Email:** Communicating with large groups of people on topics that require little to no feedback.
- **Website:** General information and notices.
- **Facebook:** Unit activities from a social perspective
- **Cadetnet:** Cadet forces –training and activities

- **TeamReach:** Announcements, questions, postings, smaller communications with some interaction.

- Smart Phone App
- Groups - Car Pooling / Unit Support Committee

5 Squadron Information and Social Sites:

\*\*\*\*\*

**CadetNet:** <https://www.cadetnet.org.nz/>

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/5sqnatc>

**Website:** <http://www.5squadron.org.nz/>

**Parents:** <https://www.5squadron.org.nz/parents>  
(password 5-squadron)

**Email:** [info@5squadron.org.nz](mailto:info@5squadron.org.nz)  
[committee@5squadron.org.nz](mailto:committee@5squadron.org.nz)

**Address:** 270/300 Postman Road, Albany, 0794

**Please ensure you are on TeamReach and you are receiving emails - contact Doug Kruger for assistance.**

Douglas Kruger, Unit Support Committee

E: [douglas.kruger@5squadron.org.nz](mailto:douglas.kruger@5squadron.org.nz)

M: 022.545.6968

## Formal Dinner 2024

We are once again planning our annual 5 Squadron Formal Dinner (also known as Dine-In). This is likely to happen toward the end of August or beginning of September 2024, and will take place at the Ellerslie Race-Course.

The Formal Dinner is a formal evening, along with a delicious three-course meal and good company. It is a wonderful opportunity for cadets and parents to experience Air Force traditions and to get to know other cadets and parents.

If any parents have connections to companies or businesses that are able to contribute to the Formal Dinner financially, it would support the committee to keep costs low. Any sponsors would be mentioned, or have their business advertised, at the event.

