



A taste of modern comfort



Above: The refurbished canteen at RAAF Base Amberley. Left: AIRCdre Ken Robinson congratulates AAFcans managing director Stewart McGrow at the official opening. Photos: Dorina Browne and CPL Casey Gaul

THE Army Air Force Canteen Service (AAFcans) has opened the doors to its refurbished canteen at RAAF Base Amberley.

The \$500,000 refurbishment was started over stand-down and base SADFo AIRCdre Ken Robinson and AAFcans managing director Stewart McGrow officially opened the new-look canteen on February 23.

Mr McGrow said it was gratifying "to make this project come alive and deliver a contemporary canteen facility that will enhance the retail experience for the nearly 8000 Air Force and Army personnel on base".

AAFcans has spent more than \$6.4 million on capital improvements at Defence bases in the past five years.

AIRCdre Robinson said a high-quality canteen was "an essential part of our functionality as a base".

The new canteen will serve modern fresh food and includes a speciality bar and grill serving omelettes, pasta, schnitzels and other specialty dishes. It also has quick self-checkout machines.

The outside dining area has been upgraded with a shade sail, comfortable bench seating, dining tables and mist fans for hot days.

The interior is contemporary and spacious with private booths, soft furnishings, larger lounge areas filled with ottomans and space for group discussions. It also has a recharge station with USB and power outlets.

The Amberley Heritage Centre and AIRCdre Robinson's team worked with AAFcans marketing manager Donna Browne to come up with an art installation that captures the heart and history of RAAF Base Amberley.

Historic images, unit plaques and photos adorn the walls and windows and a wall-to-wall glass-mounted mural depicts No. 1 Squadron Avro Lincoln bomber pilots at Amberley during the 1950s.

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Tue 16 May 17	RAAF Amberley	Bob Andre Centre	10am - 12pm
Wed 17 May 17	Lavarack Barracks, Townsville	Lachlan Wilson Centre	10am - 12pm
Thu 18 May 17	HMAS Cairns	Lott Bldg, HMAS Cairns, Classroom 2	10am - 12pm
Fri 19 May 17	Robertson Barracks, Darwin	Rowell Centre, Bldg 100, Main Theatre	10am - 12pm
Mon 22 May 17	HMAS Stirling, Perth	Base Cinema	10am - 12pm
Tue 23 May 17	Irwin Barracks, Perth	Irwin Theatreette	10am - 12pm
Wed 24 May 17	RAAF Edinburgh, Adelaide	Monash Centre, Model Room, Bldg 833	10am - 12pm
Thu 25 May 17	RAAF Williams Laverton, Melbourne	L474 Theatrette	10am - 12pm
Fri 26 May 17	Simpson Barracks, Melbourne	MLR Bldg 16	9 - 11am
	Puckapunyal, Melbourne	Area Theatre	2 - 4pm
Mon 29 May 17	Russell Offices & DSCM-A, Canberra	R1-1-D006 Large Room	1 - 3pm
Tue 30 May 17	HMAS Kuttabul, Sydney	Red Room	10am - 12pm
Wed 31 May 17	Holsworthy Barracks, Sydney	Maitland Theatre K112	10am - 12pm
Thu 1 Jun 17	RAAF Richmond, Sydney	Base Briefing & Training Room, Bldg 14, Lvl 1	10.30am - 12.30pm
Fri 2 Jun 17	RAAF Williamtown, Newcastle	Hawk & Roulette Room	10am - 12pm

For further information regarding the information sessions contact the HESC on (07) 3332 9713 or email adf.humint@defence.gov.au.

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Members of 13SQN with Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull in the officers' mess at RAAF Base Darwin.

VIPs line up for mess hospitality

FLGOFF Deanna Ellick

RAAF Base Darwin kept the dignitaries flowing in February, hosting visits from the Prime Minister and two Northern Territory leaders.

Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull had afternoon tea with members of No. 13 Squadron as part of commemorations for the 75th anniversary of the bombing of Darwin.

CO 13SQN WGCdr Steven Parsons said it was fitting that afternoon tea with the Prime Minister was held in the officers' mess.

"It is one of the few buildings on the base that survived the bombing as well as 13SQN, which was based in Darwin at the time of the Japanese air raids," WGCdr Parsons said.

The visit was also an opportunity for WGCdr Parsons to renew acquaintances with the Prime Minister.

"In my previous role as Staff Officer VIP Operations I had the unique opportunity to spend time with the Prime Minister and his staff and know of the genuine concern he has for all the men and women in uniform," WGCdr Parsons said.

The officers' mess also played host to

Northern Territory Police Commissioner Reece Kershaw and Chief Justice Michael Grant on February 9.

The pair were formally welcomed as honorary members to the mess by mess committee president SGNLDR Craig Sedgman.

"Inviting members such as the Chief Justice and the Police Commissioner into the mess environment allows them to socialise in a relaxed atmosphere with people who make a difference around Darwin," SGNLDR Sedgman said.

The Police Commissioner returned to the base the following week to talk about leadership. The key messages during his presentation included challenging the status quo, understanding "whose stage it is" and the importance of self-reflection.

"The hardest conversations I've had were with myself. You simply can't perform at the senior level without having that self-reflection and understanding what your strengths and weaknesses, how you are going to react to certain situations and what you need to work on," he said.

The officers' mess is aiming to expand its engagements to include local businesses that play a role in the base's capability.