



AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE TO EXERCISE FREEDOM OF ENTRY TO THE CITY OF DUBBO

The 313 City of Dubbo Squadron Australian Airforce Cadets will exercise their Freedom of Entry to the City with a ceremony and parade on Saturday 18 November 2017 from 1:30pm.

Dubbo Regional Council Mayor Councillor Ben Shields said the 313 City of Dubbo Squadron Australian Airforce Cadets had a long tradition of service to the City and hopes a large crowd will witness this public event.

“The unit was established 50 years ago and is regularly in attendance at Anzac Day and Remembrance Day ceremonies,” Councillor Shields said. “The Australian Airforce Cadets is a fantastic youth organisation that helps develop young people and foster leadership and civic pride,” he said.

“The granting of Freedom of the City is not only a symbol of ancient tradition, but also an expression of the high regard which Council holds for the 313 City of Dubbo Squadron,” Councillor Shields said.

2017 marks the 10th anniversary of the 313 City of Dubbo Squadron being granted the Freedom of the City and also the Squadron’s 50th anniversary.

“Exercising the Freedom of the City is one of the highest level Civic ceremonial occasion Councils are involved in,” Councillor Shields said. “This will be a memorable occasion for the cadets participating and the event will also have genuine significance for the Councillors in the official party,” he said.

“Exercising the Freedom of the Entry to the City includes a symbolic challenge from NSW Police, a tradition which originates from medieval times when a city’s citizens refused entry to armed troops in order to protect the city and its people,” Cllr Shields said.

“I encourage the community to come out in force to witness this tradition and to show support for today’s cadets and squadron leaders,” Councillor Shields said.

The event commences at 1.30 pm at the Dubbo Cenotaph where the Parade will form up to be inspected by the Mayor of Dubbo and unveil a new squadron banner to be blessed. A fly past of a 127 Fighter Jet is also part of the ceremony. The parade will then make its way along Church Street with NSW Police challenging the Squadron at Brisbane Street ahead of concluding formalities at the Church Street Rotunda.

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