

No. 41 (City of Porirua) Squadron Air Training Corps



Annual Awards Ceremony

And

Change of Command Parade

12 December 2009

Parade Appointments

Master of Ceremonies

Flight Lieutenant Tristan Will

Parade Commander

Under Officer Ryan Tasker

Parade Adjutant

Under Officer Deahne Peach

Flight Commander

Under Officer Vanessa Hall

Squadron Warrant Officer

Warrant Officer Bronwyn Kropp

Flight Sergeant

Sergeant Charles McLeod

Photo's Parents and guests are invited to take as many photos as they want. We shall be making a suitable location available for that important shot. An opportunity for a Squadron and Trophy winner's photo will be held afterwards.

Etiquette We ask that all guests stand upon the arrival & departure of the official party.

Light refreshments and afternoon tea will be available afterwards.

PROGRAM

12th December 2009

- 1325 hrs Squadron to form up and march on
1325 hrs Parents and Guest to be seated
1325 hrs Official Party to assemble in the Ante Room of Ngatitua Domain Hall
1329 hrs **Official Party to arrive**

Her Worship the Mayor Jenny Brash, Mayor of Porirua City.
Air Marshall Carey Adamson RNZAF, CBE(Rtd), Wellington Brevet Club
Mr and Mrs Malcolm Wightwick, Squadron Patron.
Mr and Mrs Jann McLeod, Chairperson City of Porirua Branch ATCANZ.
Mr and Mrs Mary Blackwell, President of the Wellington RNZAF Association
Mr and Mrs Kevin Olsen, President of Porirua RNZRSA.
Lieutenant Commander Glenn Burt RNZN, Area Coordinator Central Area Training and Support Unit.
Squadron Leader Nigel Robertson, NZCF. No. 1 (City of Wellington) Squadron, ATC.
Squadron Leader Wayne Buckingham, NZCF, QSM. No.2 (Hutt City) Squadron, ATC.
Squadron Leader Rob Foley, NZCF. No. 22 (City of Upper Hutt) Squadron, ATC.
Flying Officer Stephen Goddwin, NZCF. No. 49 (District of Kapiti) Squadron, ATC.
Sergeant Steve Main RNZAF, Central Area Training and Support Unit

Inspections

Air Marshall Carey Adamson RNZAF CBE(Rtd) to inspect the Squadron escorted by Parade Commander

Prizegiving

Welcome by Squadron Leader Grant te Tau NZCF, Unit Commander

Presentation of Trophies by Mayor Jenny Brash

Presentation of Patrons Trophy by Mr Malcolm Wightwick

The Squadron Patron invited to address parade

Presentation of RSA Trophy by Mr Kevin Olsen

Presentation of 'Her Worship The Mayors Trophy' by Jenny Brash

Her Worship is invited to address the parade

Presentation of Training Awards by Her Worship The Mayor.

Promotions performed by Squadron Leader Grant te Tau and Lieutenant Commander Glenn Burt RNZN

Presentation of the 'David Culverwell Memorial Trophy for Top NZCF Shot' by Lieutenant Commander Glenn Burt RNZN

Presentation of 'The K & P.L. Bolton Rifle Shooting Trophy' by Lieutenant Commander Glenn Burt RNZN

Lieutenant Commander Glenn Burt RNZN invited to address the parade

Presentation of the 'Sir Richard Bolt Trophy Brevet Club Wellington' by Mr Mike Chapman

Presentation of the Certificates of Appreciation by the Chairman of the City of Porirua Branch of the Air Training Corps Association of NZ

Mrs Jann McLeod is invited to address the parade

- 1435 hrs Final Address by Squadron Leader Grant te Tau NZCF, Unit Commander
1440 hrs Change of Command Ceremony
1445 hrs Flight Lieutenant Tristan Will NZCF, Cadet Unit Commander will dismiss the Squadron.

Unit Commanders Message

Welcome,

Today's parade marks the end of another busy year, it also marks the end of one command appointment and the beginning of a new one. However, it must be remembered that the most important reason we are here for today are the Cadets and Non-commissioned Officers of the Squadron, the future leaders of New Zealand.

2009 A year in retrospect

2009 has been a busy year for the Squadron with a number of notable achievements, they include;

Visit to the United States of America by Warrant Officer Bronwyn Kropp.

Warrant Officer Kropp was selected to visit the United States as part of the International Air Cadet Exchange contingent. She spent close to 3 weeks in the US.

Visit by the International Air Cadet Exchange Cadets

A party of 13 Officers and Cadets from Australia, Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom visited the Wellington Area in July. This was the 6th visit to NZ in as many years under the International Air Cadet Exchange banner.

Shooting

The results are known for all but one of the 2009 competitions, I am pleased to see a continuous lifting of individual and team results. The Squadron has had more cadets than ever taking part in the shooting program. Many cadets are now entering regional, national and commonwealth shooting competitions. This is a unique training opportunity

Community Service

Our community service amongst others parades and commitments included ANZAC Day (5 parades, 2 cities, 1 day), Commonwealth Day, a Catafalque Party at the Porirua Peace Memorial and Russell School to mark Remembrance day and Citizenship services with the Porirua City Council.

The Air Back into the Air Training Corps

It would seem that if you wanted break a drought in the Wellington Area then you get 41 (City of Porirua) squadron to schedule some flying or gliding. This is perhaps the only training disappointment of the year. We will look to future with this.

National and Area Course Attendance

The Squadron has had a large involvement in NZCF courses throughout 2009. Starting in January with National Gliding and Navigation. Then on to April with attendance at Junior, Senior and Advanced Leaders Courses. In July there was course attendance at Junior and Senior Leadership Courses. This culminated in October with attendances at the Junior Leadership Courses. Cadets attended both as Students and Cadet Staff. Officers also attended training either for self development or as course staff as well.

Somewhere in amongst all this we also squeezed in 4 training weekends and 2 working bees. A very busy year indeed.

I can't take the credit for this, as it sits fairly with the Officers and NCO's of the Squadron. Without their commitment, energy and enthusiasm, not all of the above could have been achieved. Well done.

Thanks also go out to the Executive of the Local Branch of the Air Training Corps Association of NZ or the "Unit Support Committee" (Jann, John, Chris, Sigrid and the Patron Malcolm) for their support and hard work throughout the year.

Today

Today will see a number of cadets rewarded and recognised for their efforts and resolve throughout the 2009 training year. There are a number of hotly contested trophies up for grabs today, of which the recipients have narrowly beaten their friends, siblings and colleagues in winning. My advice? Never give up!!!

The Future

Looking ahead to 2010 the squadron moves to its next step with a new Unit Commander who in his own time will plan and outline the way forward f

Planning for the 2010 training year is well underway, and another busy year is set for us.

Change of Command

Today, marks the closing of another chapter for the Squadron and I of some 16 years, 4 months and 11 days in command. I don't intend to dwell long on the past but I believe I made a difference and I will reflect on this for some time.

I believe that I leave the Squadron in good heart, with good numbers, good cadets, good NCO's, good Officers and good support. Which I must admit is far removed from where I first started in 1993.

On an historical note, I had the honour of being the first cadet who rose from the ranks to take command of the squadron, and I relinquish over the stewardship and command to the third cadet commissioned from the ranks to become only the 5th Unit Commander in some 30 years. I can think of no better person to lead the Squadron into the future.

Once again I thank you all for allowing me the opportunity to have a part in it. I take the opportunity to wish you all safe journeys and travels throughout the next few months

Kind regards and best wishes

Grant te Tau
Squadron Leader NZCF
Cadet Unit Commander
01 August 1993 - 12 December 2009

41 (City of Porirua) Squadron 2009

Cadet Unit Commander

Squadron Leader Grant te Tau

Executive Officer

Flight Lieutenant Tristan Will

Adjutant

Under Officer Ryan Tasker

Training Officer

Under Officer Vanessa Hall
Under Officer Deahne Peach

Logistics Officer

Flying Officer Andrew Bennison

Flight Commanders

Flight Lieutenant Mary Jenkins
Under Officer Deahne Peach

Squadron Warrant Officer

Warrant Officer Bronwyn Kropp

Senior Non Commissioned Officers

Sergeant Charles McLeod
Sergeant Eddie Philpott
Sergeant Brianna Crosland

Junior Non Commissioned Officers

Corporal Grace Cashman
Corporal Daniel Johnston

Corporal Gaby Peach
Corporal Stephen Knowles

Leading Air Cadets

Leading Air Cadet Sam Phelps-Barber
Leading Air Cadet Kendall Brown

Leading Air Cadet Prabhnoor Singh
Leading Air Cadet Eleanor Whiteoak

Cadets

Cadet Alex Asbery
Cadet Zoe Phelps-Barber
Cadet Andie Thompson
Cadet Andrew Jackson
Cadet Anthony Phillips

Cadet Harry Philpott
Cadet Jessica Toohey
Cadet Jonothan Potter
Cadet Kaden Fowler
Cadet Luke Jackson

Cadet Nicholaas Asbery
Cadet Sam Lewis
Cadet Siân Streatfield
Cadet Nicolas Conijn

City of Porirua Branch of the Air Training Corps Association

Patron

Mr Malcolm Wightwick

Chairman

Mrs Jann McLeod

Treasurer

Mr John Brown

Secretary

Mr Chris Asbery

Committee

Mrs Sigrid Brown
Mr Graeme Streatfield

Mr Mike Chapman

Other Support Organisations

Porirua City Council
Porirua RSA
RNZAFA – Wellington Branch
Brevet Club
Wellington Smallbore Rifle Club

The Awards for 2009

THE LADY LOCK CUP

This Cup is awarded to the cadet who has displayed the highest standard of neatness, deportment and bearing. The uniform worn by the Cadets of the Air Training Corps is the same as that worn by the Royal New Zealand Air Force and the privilege granted to the cadets to wear it dates back to 1941. It is worn to the same standards of the RNZAF. It is to this standard that cadets strive when spending many hours preparing these uniforms, and when they wear it at squadron parades and in public they bring credit to both themselves and the Air Training Corps

- The recipient for 2009 is **Sergeant Charles McLeod.**

THE LANE CUP.

This Cup is presented for Dedication to the cadet who is judged to be the most reliable, punctual and self-disciplined. It is through these Qualities that the recipient has shown the most potential for future advancement.

- The recipient for 2009 is **Cadet Jessica Toohey**

THE LEVESQUE CUP.

This Cup is awarded to the Cadet who has developed and improved the most through training that the Air Training Corps has to offer. This is awarded to a cadet with at least 12 months service; this enables the squadron a benchmark by which to measure them.

- The **Senior Cadet Endeavour Award** is awarded to **Corporal Daniel Johnston**

THE NCO AWARD.

This award is to the cadet who has helped the NCO's the most, it is decided by the NCO's themselves and reflects the co-operation offered by cadets to enable NCO's to better achieve their role in the day to day running of the Squadron.

- The recipient for 2009 is **Cadet Jessica Toohey**

THE RNZAF AVIATION TROPHY.

Presented by Wellington Branch of the RNZAF Association. This Trophy is presented to the Top Aviation Cadet who has displayed the top Theory and Practical skills in Aviation during the training year.

- The recipient for 2009 is **Cadet Alex Asbery**

THE MANSFIELD TROPHY

This trophy is awarded to the Squadron's Top Bushcraft Cadet has displayed the best knowledge and skill at Unit Adventure Training and Bushcraft Camps throughout the year.

- The recipient for 2009 is **Sergeant Eddie Philpott**

THE OOSTERWIJK AWARD.

This trophy is presented for attendance. The Squadron records are examined to determine the cadet who has attended the most Squadron Parades, Special Events and Organised activities.

- The recipient for 2009 is **Corporal Stephen Knowles.**

THE LOGAN RURU GILBERT-GIBSON MEMORIAL TROPHY.

This award is to the **cadet** who has been elected by his or her peers as the cadet they believe best represents the ideal cadet in dress, bearing, personal drill, teamwork and leadership. The recipient must be a cadet holds no rank.

- The recipient for 2009 is **Leading Air Cadet Kendall Brown.**

THE RENDALL SHELL.

The Rendall Shell is the squadron .22 Rifle Shooting Trophy. It is awarded to the highest score by a cadet each year.

- The **Top Shot** for 2009 is **Under Officer Deahne Peach.**

THE THOMPSON SHELL

The Thompson Shell is the Squadrons trophy for the most improved shooter over the training year. The recipient has shown significant improvement in the Squadron Weapons Training program and the practical application of those skills throughout the year.

- The recipients for 2009 are **Cadet Siân Streatfield and Jessica Toohey.**

THE TE TAU CUP

This Cup is awarded to the Cadet for the purpose of recognising the First year or Basic cadet who through their efforts and endeavours has gained the most from the Air Training Corps and the training it has to offer.

- The **Basic Cadet Endeavour Award** is **Cadet Zoe Phelps-Barber.**

THE CHALLENGE SHIELD.

This Trophy is presented to the Top Squadron Team based on the squadrons' own inter-team sports, skills and knowledge competition throughout the year. The teams are made up of a mixture of all cadets and rewards teamwork and achievement.

- The recipients for 2009 is **Team Spitfire**

THE LES HUGHES MEMORIAL TROPHY.

This is presented to a member of the Air Training Corps Association, in appreciation for services to the Squadron.

- The recipient for 2009 is **Mr Graeme Streatfield.**

THE ARMSTRONG CUP

An effort is made to pass on a good measure of the organising and running of the unit to cadet themselves. Cadets are promoted on merit to non-commissioned rank and must accept responsibility and authority in those positions.

- The **Best Cadet NCO** for 2009 is **Sergeant Charles McLeod**.

THE GORDON WALSH TROPHY

This is an award to a cadet who does not hold a NCO rank. The recipient must display the personal qualities of Discipline and Maturity. This cadet has taken full advantage of the squadron's training and their achievement in it is above the already high standard of all Air Training Corps Cadets. This cadet can be described as the Squadron's best Cadet.

- The **Best Cadet** for 2009 is **Leading Air Cadet Kendall Brown**.

THE WIGHTWICK AWARD. "FOR EXCELLENCE"

This award donated by the Squadron Patron, Mr Malcolm Wightwick, is presented to the person/persons who gave service to the squadron over and above the call of duty during the past year for benefit to the Squadron. This reflects the Faithful and Diligent Service to the Squadron.

- The recipient for 2009 is **Mr John Brown**

THE CITY OF PORIRUA CADET OF THE YEAR AWARD.

This Trophy is presented to the premier cadet of the Squadron. **The Premier Cadet** may be of any rank and must have consistently displayed the qualities of Leadership, Discipline and a presence necessary, most likely to assure success.

- The **Premier Cadet** for 2009 is **Warrant Officer Bronwyn Kropp**.

Squadron Training Awards

Basic 1

Successfully completed a 6-month Basic 1 course in *Adventure Training, Aviation Studies, Basic Admin Requirements, Bush Skills, Cadet Forces Knowledge, Community Service, Drill, Firearms skills, First Aid, General Service Knowledge, History and Aims, Knots and Emergency Shelters, Life Skills, Navigation Skills, Personal Hygiene Practices, Physical Training Skills, RATEL skills, Rules of Conduct and Tramping.*

Theory and practical testing confirmed their training.

Cadet Zoe Phelps-Barber
Cadet Andie Thompson
Cadet Andrew Jackson
Cadet Harry Philpott

Cadet Jessica Toohey
Cadet Jonothan Potter
Cadet Kaden Fowler
Cadet Luke Jackson

Cadet Nicholas Asbery
Cadet Sam Lewis
Cadet Siân Streatfield
Cadet Nicolaas Conijn

Basic 2

Successfully completed a 6 Month Basic 2 course in *Adventure Training, Aviation Studies, Basic Admin Requirements, Bush Skills, Cadet Forces Knowledge, Community Service, Drill, Firearms skills, First Aid, General Service Knowledge, History and Aims, Knots and Emergency Shelters, Life Skills, Navigation Skills, Personal Hygiene Practices, Physical Training Skills, Radio Telephone Skills, Rules of Conduct and Tramping*

Theory and practical testing confirmed their training.

Cadet Zoe Phelps-Barber
Cadet Andie Thompson
Cadet Andrew Jackson
Cadet Harry Philpott
Cadet Jessica Toohey
Cadet Kaden Fowler

Cadet Luke Jackson
Cadet Nicholas Asbery
Cadet Sam Lewis
Cadet Siân Streatfield
Cadet Nicolaas Conijn
Leading Air Cadet Eleanor Whiteoak

Top Basic Cadet for 2009

Cadet Andie Thompson

Proficiency

Successfully completed a 12 Month Proficiency course in *Administration, Adventure Training, Aviation Studies, Bush Skills, Cadet Forces Knowledge, Camping, Code of Behaviour, Community Service, Drill, Firearms Skills, General Service Knowledge, Instructional Techniques, Leadership Skills, Life Skills, Navigation Skills, Physical Training Skills and Radio Telephone Skills.*

Theory and practical testing confirmed their training

Leading Air Cadet Kendall Brown
Leading Air Cadet Prabhnoor Singh
Leading Air Cadet Sam Phelps-Barber
Leading Air Cadet Eleanor Whiteoak

Top Proficiency Cadet for 2009

Leading Air Cadet Kendall Brown

Advanced

Successfully completed a 12-month course in *Administration, Adventure Training, Aviation Studies, Bush Skills, Cadet Force Knowledge, Code of Behaviour, Community Service, Drill, Firearms Skills, General Service Knowledge, Instructional Techniques, Leadership Skills, Life Skills, Navigate in the Outdoors, Navigation Skills, Physical Training Skills and Radio Telephone Skills*

Theory and practical testing confirmed their training.

Corporal Gaby Peach
Corporal Stephen Knowles
Cadet Alex Asbery
Corporal Daniel Johnston
Leading Air Cadet Sam Phelps-Barber

Top Advanced Cadet for 2009

Corporal Gaby Peach

Training Awards

Shooting Competency Badge

Cadet Alex Asbery
Corporal Daniel Johnston
Cadet Jessica Toohey
Leading Air Cadet Kendall Brown

First Class Shot Badge

Leading Air Cadet Prabhnoor Singh
Corporal Stephen Knowles
Corporal Grace Cashman
Sergeant Eddie Philpott

Marksman Badge

Under Officer Deahne Peach

Promotions

Cadet to Leading Air Cadet

Alex Asbery

Leading Air Cadet to Corporal

Kendall Brown

Corporal to Sergeant

Grace Cashman

Sergeant to Flight Sergeant

Eddie Philpott
Charles McLeod

Promotions in 2009

Cadet to Leading Air Cadet

Kendall Brown
Prahbnoor Singh
Eleanor Whiteoak
Sam Phelps-Barber

Corporal to Sergeant

Eddie Philpott

Flight Sergeant to Warrant Officer

Bronwyn Kropp

National and Area Course Attendance

National Aviation Course

Warrant Officer Bronwyn Kropp

National Gliding Camp

Cadet Alex Asbery
Warrant Officer Bronwyn Kropp (Staff)

National Navigation Course

Cadet Richard Whitehead

Junior Outdoor Leader Course

Sergeant Eddie Philpott
Flying Officer Steve Goodwin (Staff)

Advanced Leaders Course

Warrant Officer Bronwyn Kropp

Senior Leaders Course

Sergeant Eddie Philpott
Sergeant Charles McLeod
Corporal Grace Cashman
Corporal Daniel Johnstone
Squadron Leader Grant te Tau (Staff)

Junior Leaders Course

Cadet Alex Asbery
Leading Air Cadet Kendall Brown
Leading Air Cadet Prabhnoor Singh
Leading Air Cadet Sam Phelps-Barber
Corporal Stephen Knowles
Squadron Leader Grant te Tau (Staff)
Warrant Officer Bronwyn Kropp (Staff)

Instructional Techniques and Training Management Course

Squadron Leader Grant te Tau

National and Area Awards

David Culverwell Memorial Trophy for Top NZCF Shot

The David Culverwell Memorial Trophy for Top NZCF Shot is a recently introduced shooting trophy which started life as a target rifle and was recently discovered under a home and has since been refurbished by Mr Denis Culverwell (NZ Police Armourer) who gifted it to New Zealand Cadet Forces. The trophy is to be dedicated to Denis Culverwell's son David, a keen target shooter, who was tragically killed in a car accident near Taupo on the 8th March 2002.

The Commandant has approved the trophy to be known as The David Culverwell Trophy for Top NZCF Shot and will be awarded annually to the Unit which has the highest scoring cadet, based on the results of the National Shooting Competitions. The Top Shot may or may not necessarily come from the Unit that wins any one of the National Trophies.

The K. & P.L. Bolton Rifle Shooting Trophy Central Area Shooting Trophy

This trophy is awarded to the Central Area team that attains the highest aggregate score in the annual .22 calibre shooting competition. Whilst little is currently known about the inception of this trophy in 1943, it has been reintroduced in 2007 as the Central Area Shooting Trophy. Prior to its reintroduction it was last presented in 1963 when the Central Area was the Wellington Wing and included Marlborough and Nelson. This is the 3rd Consecutive year the Squadron has won the trophy and the 7th time in recent years.

The Sir Richard Bolt Trophy Brevet Club Wellington

Air Marshall Sir Richard Bolt CBE, who is Patron of the Air Training Corps Association of New Zealand donated this trophy through the Brevet Club to encourage interunit shooting between the Wellington and Wairarapa Squadrons of Air Training Corps. This trophy is awarded to the team that attains the highest aggregate score in the annual .22 calibre shooting competition. This is the 3rd consecutive year the Squadron has won this trophy and is the 7th time in recent years.

Certificates of Appreciation

In 2005, to mark the Silver Jubilee of the Squadron, a decision was made to award 'Certificates of Appreciation' for services to No. 41 (City of Porirua) Squadron ATC. These certificates recognise individuals and organisations that have given support that enables the Squadron to meet its objectives, long service and the like.

Certificates of Appreciation for 2009 are awarded to:

Under Officer Deahne Peach

- For service from 2003 – 2009.

Her Worship the Mayor

- For support from 1998 - 2009.

Squadron Competition Teams

Wallingford Trophy Team 1

Captain UO D Peach
 UO R Tasker
 SGT B Crosland
 SGT C McLeod
 CPL G Cashman
 CPL S Knowles

Manager SQNLDR G te Tau

Ffennell Trophy Team 1

Captain WO B Kropp
 SGT C McLeod
 CPL G Cashman
 CPL S Knowles
 LACDT K Brown
 LACDT S Phelps-Barber
 CDT J Toohey
 CDT A Asbery

Manager SQNLDR G te Tau

Wallingford Trophy Team 2

Captain: SGT E Philpot
 UO V Hall
 CPL D Johnston
 CDT A Asbery
 LAC P Singh
 CDT J Toohey

Manager SQNLDR G te Tau

NZCF District Sports Day Team

Captain - UO R Tasker

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| UO D Peach | LAC S Phelps-Barber |
| SGT B Crosland | CPL G Cashman |
| CPL S Knowles | LAC K Brown |
| CDT K Fowler | CDT N Conijn |
| CDT S Streetfield | CDT Toohey |
| CDT Z Phelps-Barber | |

Umpires FLTLT T Will,

Wallingford Trophy Team 3

Captain: LAC K Brown
 CDT H Philpot
 CDT N Asbery
 LAC S Phelps-Barber
 CDT Z Phelps-Barber
 CDT S Streetfield

Manager Squadron Leader G te Tau

Competition Results

David Culverwell Memorial Trophy 1st

Wallingford Cup – Nat. ATC Shooting

Team 1 – 5th
 Team 2 – 15th
 Team 3 - 17th

Lady Islington Cup – Nat. NZCF Shooting

Team 1 – 6th
 Team 2 – 18th
 Team 3 - 23rd

K & P.L. Bolton Rifle Shooting Trophy – Area ATC

Team 1 – 1st
 Team 2 – 6th
 Team 3 – 8th

Sir Richard Bolt Trophy - Wellington ATC

Team 1 – 1st
 Team 2 – 5th
 Team 3 – 6th

NZCF Wellington District Sports Day – 1st

Ffennell Shield– Commonwealth Shooting

Team A – TBA
 Team B - TBA

Ffennell Trophy Team 2

Captain CPL G Cashman
 CDT Z Phelps – Barber
 CDT S Streetfield
 CDT N Asbery

Manager SQNLDR G te Tau

Introducing

Flight Lieutenant Tristan Will

I am a local lad having been born and raised in Porirua City.

I joined 41 Squadron in 1993, the same year Squadron Leader te Tau took command, and have been with the unit ever since. During my time with the unit I have:

- Attended and successfully completed the equivalent on the Junior, Senior and Advanced Leaders Course
- Attended the National Power Flying course and having flown solo at the course earned my "Wings"
- Attended the RNZAF Live and Work Award which resulted in a week being spent with 3 Squadron RNZAF as well as a day and a half involvement with SAS training exercises
- Participated in a National and Wellington Area trip to Australia
- Been awarded a Cadets Commendation - for Services above that expected of a Cadet within NZCF
- Attended and successfully completed the NZCF Commissioning, Officer Outdoor Leader, Range Safety Officer and Instructional Technique courses
- Staffed 6 cadet promotional courses as both an Officer and a Cadet
- Become only the 3rd Cadet from this Squadron to be commissioned from the cadet ranks

Some other details about me:

- I attended Papakowhai Primary School and then Aotea College
- I graduated Victoria University in 2003 with a
 - Bachelor of Commerce and Administration majoring in Accounting and Commercial Law
 - Bachelor of Science majoring in Computer Science
 - Graduate Diploma in Professional Accounting
- I am a Chartered Accountant of the NZ Institute of Chartered Accountants
- I am a Manager at BDO Wellington (a firm of over 80 Chartered Accountants and Advisers) specialising in Business Advisory
- I am a dedicated cricketer and also a committee member of the Kapiti Old Boys Cricket Club
- I am married to another NZCF Officer, Flight Lieutenant Renee Will

The Future