

A Day in the Life of an Army Chef: RAAF Base Edinburgh (August)

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Service: Army

Placement Location: RAAF Base Edinburgh

West Avenue, Edinburgh SA 5111

Type of Placement/s: Secondary

Start & End dates: 18 August 2025

Duration of Placement: 1 day: 08:30am to 03:30pm

Placement Limits: 10

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Closing Date: 11:30 PM AEST, Sunday 29 June, 2025



Overview of Placement

The Army Catering Corps provides deployable catering support to the Australian Defence Force (ADF) in order to provide a nutritionally sustained force. Chefs cook for Army, Navy and Air Force personnel in field kitchens, on Navy ships and Army barracks to meet the dietary needs of Defence members. Chefs are trained at the Australian Defence Force School of Catering at HMAS Cerberus. The training involves a preparing and cooking meals including soups, entrees, main courses, sweets, cakes and pastries and being able to work under pressure.

5 Catering Platoon at Edinburgh supports various Exercises in South Australia, around Australia and overseas locations. Personnel compete in Exercise Golden Plate, which is a culinary competition that involves the platoons selecting five chefs to compete in a kitchen battle. Teams engage in challenges which include mystery boxes, hot boxes and fine dining. Army Catering Corps Chefs are able to produce restaurant quality food in a tent in a field kitchen, not inside a building.

Activities may inlcude:

View a commercial kitchen & its operations on a military base View a field kitchen set-up as used for military Exercises Find out about catering and the training provided in the ADF Participate in physical training with military personnel