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**TO: ALL HONORARY SECRETARIES AND SECRETARIES OF RSL SUB-BRANCHES,
DISTRICT COUNCILS AND STATE COUNCILLORS**

EXPIRY DATE: Jul 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

CADET OF THE YEAR

For the past ten years, State Branch has been running an Australian Defence Force Cadet of the Year competition. State Branch selects up to three cadets annually from each Service to participate in a voyage on the RAN Youth Training Ship *Young Endeavour*.

Funding for the voyage comes from generous donations by sub-Branches. This support recognises the value of youth activity to the RSL and to the community, as well as fostering long-term RSL recruitment through the Cadet organisation.

As part of the competition requires the Cadets to make a presentation on a selected military topic with relevance to Australia, there is an additional value arising from youth's increased knowledge of military history. This is a key aim of State Branch through scholastic competition and school-based commemoration services.

Three high achieving Cadets, along with two descendants of sub-Branch members selected by ballot, recently completed a ten-day voyage along the Great Barrier Reef from Gladstone to Airlie Beach. Regular reports of the daily shipboard activities can be read in the Captain's Log on the website <https://www.youngendeavour.gov.au/captains-log/filter/current-voyage>.

If you would like to support this activity, cheques should be drawn to the RSL of Australia (NSW Branch) annotated for 'Cadet of the Year'


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