



Defence Youth Program Fact Sheet

Air Force Balloon

Program Summary

Hot air balloons are one of the earliest forms of aviation: they were even used for surveillance during World War I. Today, Air Force has two balloons which are based in Canberra. Operated by Central Flying School, the balloons often travel to regional or remote communities that don't have an airport.

These visits provide an opportunity for members of the community to meet Air Force personnel and also serve to promote the professionalism of the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF), introduce young people to aviation and inspire an interest in the RAAF.

Detailed program information is available at: [Royal Australian Air Force Balloon](#)

