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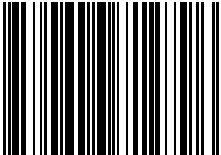
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WELCOME TO
AVALON MARCH 20 25 | AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL AIRSHOW



I am delighted to welcome you to the Avalon Australian International Airshow 2025.

As a proud Geelong local, this event is close to my heart and incredibly exciting for our local community.

The Airshow offers the rare opportunity to see up close the incredible capabilities of the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF), such as the F-35A fleet.

Today's RAAF is focused, prepared and ready, and nothing epitomises that readiness better than the rapid response to the earthquake that devastated Vanuatu late last year. Within 24 hours, the RAAF had deployed two aircraft stocked with vital humanitarian and disaster relief supplies. It was an impressive achievement to bear in mind as you admire the airlift aircraft on display.

Our Australian Defence Force aviators are working more closely together than ever before. I encourage you to talk to our ADF personnel here this week.

The 2025 Airshow will also see the return of thrilling demonstrations of the ADF's flying prowess in the skies above Geelong this weekend. The Roulettes are back, and Navy personnel will demonstrate their rotary-wing capabilities and the drone racing teams are ready to go.

I look forward to welcoming you to Avalon and hope you enjoy what is one of the world's signature aviation events.

The Hon. Richard Marles MP
Deputy Prime Minister



Welcome to the Avalon Australian International Airshow 2025.

Australia is an aviation nation. With our country's vast land distances, aviation is engrained in our culture. Avalon showcases and celebrates our aviation industry, spanning defence, civil aviation, industry and academia.

Avalon brings together our regional partners and allies, including our friends from the United States, New Zealand, India and Japan, to connect, collaborate and progress air power capability in our region.

Taking part in Avalon is always a highlight for our aviators, and we are proud to be here, alongside our Navy, Army and industry partners. The breadth of companies and innovative technologies on display is impressive and highlights the significant role industry plays in advancing aviation.

Our Air Force is well positioned to generate and deliver air power for the security of our great nation. At Avalon, you will have the opportunity to see many of our world-leading aircraft and capabilities, and meet our skilled and dedicated people.

Whether you are here to catch a glimpse of our potent platforms, look up in awe at the flying displays, talk to our aviators, sailors and soldiers, or walk the halls of the tradeshow to learn more about the ingenuity and innovation driving the region's aviation capability, I know you will enjoy Avalon.

Air Marshal Stephen Chappell, DSC, CSC, OAM
Chief of Air Force



On behalf of the Victorian Government, I'm delighted to welcome you to Avalon Australian International Airshow 2025 – Australia's biggest international aerospace and defence exposition. The Victorian Government is proud to once again sponsor Avalon 2025, which provides attendees with opportunities to build partnerships with Australian, regional, and international industry – from Defence Force customers to prime contractors, small to medium enterprises and start-ups.

Victoria's defence industry generates over \$8.4 billion each year and employs more than 24,000 people. It includes many homegrown success stories like Cablex, Corvus Technology Solutions, Marand, Ronson Gears and SYPAQ, who you will see at Avalon 2025. Our nation-leading advantages in skills and advanced manufacturing have ensured global defence and aerospace primes like BAE Systems, Boeing, Hanwha, Leonardo, Lockheed Martin, Moog, Saab, and Thales have made the decision to invest and expand their operations in our state.

The Greater Geelong region is one of Victoria's key defence clusters, home to ManuFutures, the advanced manufacturing innovation hub at Deakin University, as well as Hanwha Defence Australia's \$170 million Armoured Vehicle Centre of Excellence, the national manufacturing hub delivering *Redback* Infantry Fighting Vehicles and *Huntsman* Self-Propelled Howitzers for the Australian Government.

The Victorian Pavilion at Avalon 2025 will have the very best of our state's world-class defence and aerospace industry on display – showcasing why Victoria is the natural choice for defence-related investment and trade facilitation activities.

The Hon. Colin Brooks MP
Minister for Industry and Advanced Manufacturing, Parliament of Victoria



On behalf of the City of Greater Geelong, I am pleased to welcome you to the Avalon Australian International Airshow 2025.

This unforgettable event continues to thrill guests with exhilarating aerial displays and its showcase of aircraft innovation.

The Council is pleased to be an ongoing supporter of the Airshow, which returns for its 16th event at Avalon Airport.

This event is a highlight of the Greater Geelong calendar, and we continue to see it go from strength to strength.

After taking a break during the pandemic, the Airshow returned in 2023 and broke records with the largest attendance in its history. The event attracted over 248,000 people and contributed an estimated \$24 million to Greater Geelong's economy.

With improvements made to transport at this year's event, there is ample opportunity to explore our region and all the diverse attractions it has to offer.

Greater Geelong is home to a diverse and beautiful landscape with pristine beaches, bays, and tranquil nature walks. Our local hospitality venues and our globally recognised City of Design attractions also offer a wide range of things to see and do while you are here.

For further information, visit www.tourismgeelongbellarine.com.au

We hope you have a wonderful time at this year's Airshow.

Cr Dr Stretch Kontelj, OAM
Mayor, City of Greater Geelong

WELCOME TO
AVALON MARCH 20 25 | AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL AIRSHOW

Welcome to the Avalon Australian International Airshow 2025, Australia's own signature aerospace and space industry event, and one of the world's great airshows. You have joined us for a spectacular weekend of entertainment both in the air and on the ground.

Avalon is about showcasing aviation in all its forms, from cutting-edge stealth fighters like the Royal Australian Air Force F-35 Lightning and United States Air Force F-22 Raptor, to aircraft you can build in your own shed.

In between you will see helicopters, restored vintage biplanes and warbirds, and some of Australia's highly skilled aerobatics pilots flying the world's most agile aircraft in ways that seem to defy the laws of physics.

On the ground you will find Australian and international aircraft, some of which you will be able to walk through or even see the view from the cockpit.

Families are catered for with our specialist Kid Zone education and games area, free carnival rides and roaming entertainment. And for those wondering about a potential career in aviation and aerospace, the Royal Australian Air Force and industry groups will be on hand with information about the thousands of rewarding jobs in the field, and the education pathways to reach them.

A massive event such as Avalon 2025 can only be achieved as a team effort. We have worked closely with the Royal Australian Air Force, Victorian Government, City of Greater Geelong and aviation related industry groups, clubs and associations, to ensure the whole aviation community is represented for visitors to see.

There's great food, great entertainment and spectacular flying all weekend. I trust you will enjoy the Avalon Australian International Airshow 2025 as much as we enjoy bringing it to you.



Justin Giddings
 CEO, AMDA Foundation
 Airshow Organiser

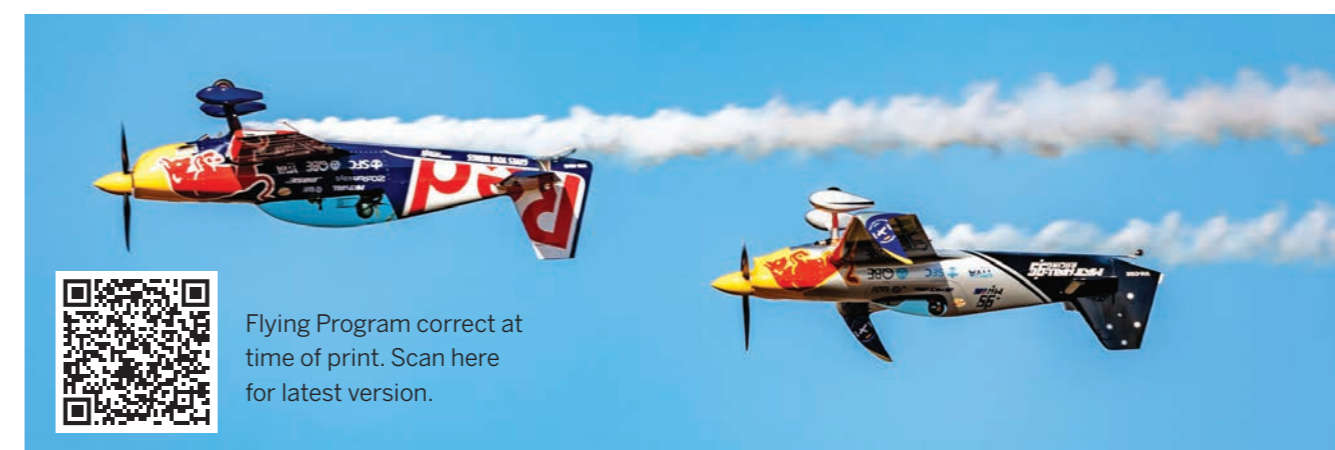


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| **FLYING PROGRAM** |

FRIDAY, 28 MARCH

TIME	TYPE	DISPLAY TYPE	OPERATOR
1230	Pilatus PC-21	Solo Handling Display	Central Flying School, Royal Australian Air Force
1240	MXS-R	Aircraft v Supercar Race	Matt Hall Racing & 888 Racing
1252	MXS & Extra 300	Formation Aerobatics Team	Matt Hall Racing
1306	F/A-18F Super Hornet	Solo Handling Display	RAAF
1324	CA25 Winjeel & CT/4A	Heritage Trainers Display	100 Sqn, RAAF
1334	Spitfire VIII & P-51 Mustang	Heritage Aircraft Display	100 Sqn, RAAF
1347	MH-60R Seahawk	Australian National Flag	808 Sqn, RAN
1355	Para Drop	Flag Drop	Skydive Australia
1409	MH-60R Seahawk	Handling Display	808 Sqn, RAN
1419	J3 Cub Replica	Truck Top Landing	Paul Bennet Airshows
1440	Para Drop	Freefall Parachuting Demo	Australian Army Parachute Team "The Red Berets"
1502	ADF Showcase	Australian Defence Force Showcase	
1544	C-27J Spartan	Solo Handling Display	35 Sqn, RAAF
1555	F-16C Fighting Falcon	Solo Handling Display	Pacific Air Forces F-16 Demo Team
1627	P-8A Poseidon	Solo Handling Display	92 WG, RAAF
1639	F-35A Lightning	Solo Handling Display	2 OCU, RAAF
1707	Sky Aces	Formation Aerobatics Team	Paul Bennet Airshows
1721	C-17A Globemaster	Solo Handling Display	Pacific Air Forces C-17 Demo Team
1800	DH Tiger Moth x5	100 th Anniversary of DH Moth	"The Frozen Five"
1812	Roulettes	Formation Aerobatics Team	Royal Australian Air Force Roulettes
1830	F-22A Raptor	Solo Handling Display	Air Combat Command Raptor Demo Team
1903	Beech 18	Heritage Aircraft Display	Doug Hamilton
1916	F-35A Lightning	Solo Handling Display	2 OCU, RAAF
1927	Para Drop	Night Para Drop	Skydive Australia – Meteor Men
1939	Cessna 185	Pyrotechnics Display	Paul Bennet Airshows
1951	MH-60R Seahawk	Flare Drop	808 Sqn, RAN
1955	C-130J Hercules	Flare Drop	37 Sqn, RAAF
1958		FIREWORKS & WALL OF FIRE	



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DON'T JUST LOOK UP, LOOK AROUND!

The Avalon Australian International Airshow 2025 will be one of the world's great airshows, but it will be so much more than that, with something to entertain every member of the family.

While the flying program guarantees spectacular sights and sounds in the air, the whole airshow site will be a carnival of spectacle for the weekend event.

The Friday Night Alight event will feature spectacular fireworks and the renowned Wall of Fire, with a special evening airshow including airborne light and pyrotechnic displays.

On the ground there will be careers information, FREE carnival rides for children, a wide variety of great food and drink and the chance to learn about aviation and aerospace as a career.

Chill out in the Kids Zone, find out about aviation history in the Aviation Museum, hear speakers in the General Aviation Pavilion and check out virtual reality and simulators in the STEM Interactive Hub. There will even be a Virtual Reality games arcade.

You may get a chance to see how quickly you can change a tyre for the Red Bull Ampol Racing Team,



or watch their Supercar compete against Matt Hall's MXS-R aircraft in a drag race down the runway.

And if you're lucky, you may even catch a glimpse of Superman (on the ground, not as part of the flying display).

It's plane fun for everyone!

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SATURDAY & SUNDAY, 29-30 MARCH

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1119	F/A-18F Super Hornet	Solo Handling Display	RAAF
1137	MXS-R	Aircraft v Supercar Race	Matt Hall Racing & 888 Racing
1149	DH Tiger Moth x5	100th Anniversary of DH Moth	"The Frozen Five"
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THERE'S NO SHOW LIKE THE AIRSHOW!



Across the weekend of 28 to 30 March the Avalon Australian International Airshow 2025 will showcase just about every type of aircraft flying in Australia, and feature many of them being flown to the limit.

It will be loud, spectacular theatre guaranteed to warm the heart of the most avid aviation enthusiast.

Homebuilt light aircraft will share the airfield with the world's most advanced jet fighter aircraft, business jets, helicopters, transports, plus specialised aircraft designed simply to be the most agile and spectacular on earth.

There will be vintage aircraft, seaplanes, lifesaving aeromedical helicopters and a specialist aircraft fitted

out just to test onboard systems and engines. And unlike just about anywhere else you can go in Australia, many of these technical wonders will be open to the public, close enough to touch, some even offering a view from the cockpit.

Always the star of the show, the Royal Australian Air Force will demonstrate its air power capability, from the supersonic F-35A Lightning II stealthy strike fighter to the P-8A Poseidon anti-submarine warfare jet and the Spartan, Hercules and Globemaster airlifters.

Navy will fly its cutting-edge Seahawk MH-60R "Romeo", one of the most advanced maritime helicopters on the planet, while the Roulettes formation aerobatics team

will again take to the skies in their Pilatus PC-21s, in a spectacular demonstration of timing and flying ability.

They will be complemented by two of the world's greatest fighter aircraft, the Lockheed Martin F-22 Raptor and F-16 Fighting Falcon, both of which are United States Air Force visitors invited for the event, plus other visitors from the United States, New Zealand, Singapore, Germany and Papua New Guinea.

And for those who like their aviation pure and simple, Australia's best known civil aerobatics teams and pilots will be flying their high-performance aircraft, without a "G-suit", autopilot, powered controls or decision-making computer in sight.

While there will be spectacular action in the air, many of the more than 350 aircraft on show will be parked within reach of the crowd, with some even offering tours and walk-throughs.

A special General Aviation precinct will feature around 100 light aircraft, the traditional first step into aviation for many. They will include seaplanes and super-fast factory-built aircraft from major manufacturers, alongside machines literally built in the owner's shed.

Whether you fly, marvel at the skill of those flying or just want to hear the roar, Avalon 2025 will have something for you, in the air and on the ground.

There's No Show Like The Airshow.

AIR FORCE

THE STAR OF THE SHOW

If there is one undoubted star and driving force of the Avalon Australian International Airshow, it's the Royal Australian Air Force.

Avalon 2025 will again be one of Air Force's largest deployments for the year, featuring more than a dozen aircraft and more than a thousand personnel.

They will light up the air displays with the fast-jet F-35 Lightning and F/A-18F Super Hornet, C-130J Hercules and C-27 Spartan transport aircraft, the P-8A Poseidon and the Roulettes formation display team flying the Pilatus PC-21.

On the ground, Air Force will display its new MQ-28 Ghost Bat uncrewed aircraft, the huge C-17A transport, EA-18G Growler electronic warfare aircraft, E-7A Wedgetail with its distinctive "Top Hat" radar array and the Beech KA-350 King Air mission training aircraft. But there will be much more.

Avalon 2025 is an opportunity to show the general public a variety of functions they would not normally see.

So alongside the supersonic fast jets, expect to see senior Air Force personnel hosting their counterparts from other air forces around the world, a strong careers and recruitment drive, Air Force Cadets, complete with

their Diamond DA-40 training aircraft, and impossibly cute puppies that will be future Air Force working dogs (always a crowd favourite).

The point Air Force is making with its presence is that the aircraft ready for takeoff on the runway is the thin end of the wedge. It won't fly unless people in literally thousands of roles, from training and engineering to publishing, catering, firefighting, medicine and human relations, have already done their job, and done it well.

For the Royal Australian Air Force, Avalon is about connecting directly with the industry that provides its capability, and with the Australian public it ultimately serves.

"Taking part in Avalon is always a highlight for our aviators, and we are proud to be here, alongside our Navy, Army and industry partners," said Chief of Air Force, Air Marshal Stephen Chappell, DSC, CSC, OAM.

"Whether you are here to catch a glimpse of our potent platforms, look up in awe at the flying displays, talk to our aviators, sailors and soldiers, or walk the halls of the tradeshow to learn more about the ingenuity and innovation driving the region's aviation capability, I know you will enjoy Avalon."





AERIAL ACROBATS WILL THRILL THE CROWD

Ever wanted to try landing an aircraft on a moving truck, or tumble end over end in a seemingly out of control tiny biplane just a few hundred feet above the ground? Lucky for us, there are highly skilled pilots who do.

At the Avalon Australian International Airshow 2025 the thundering supersonic jets and military techno-marvels will be contrasted with some back to basics “stick and rudder” flying that wouldn’t have been out of place in the barnstorming days of the roaring 1920s.

The design brief for most competition aerobatic aircraft can be summed up as “bolt the most powerful engine available into the lightest, smallest and most agile airframe you can build.”

There is little else: no G-suits or powered controls, and nothing automated or computer controlled. This is raw, hands-on flying in the classic sense.

But such is the performance of modern specialist aerobatic aircraft, and the skill level of their pilots, that the “totally out of control” tumbling aeroplane can magically straighten up, point its nose to the sky and climb, seemingly from a standstill. If you know how.

The art is ably demonstrated by members of the Paul Bennet Airshows and Matt Hall Racing teams. Both will be flying some of the world’s most agile aircraft in breathtaking routines down to ground level, in ways that will appear to have no respect for the laws of physics.

Paul Bennet has won just about every aerobatics award going in Australia. At Avalon he will fly his unique 400-horsepower Wolf Pitts biplane, the aerobatic equivalent of a Formula One racing car. With a wingspan of just 5.9 metres and weighing less than 600 kilograms,

the aircraft is capable of completing a full 360-degree roll in less than a second and has enough power to literally “hang off the propellor” in vertical flight.

He will also be joined by three colleagues, including his son Jett, flying a Sky Aces formation aerobatics routine combining aerial ballet and gymnastics. Then, for a change of pace, he will also demonstrate how to land his Piper Cub replica on a moving vehicle!

Matt Hall’s MXS-R monoplane, in which he has won four Red Bull Air Races, is an Australian designed aircraft with a 420-degree per second roll rate, a 14G limit and a 6000 feet per minute climb rate. A former Royal Australian Air Force F/A-18 Hornet pilot, Matt Hall is also a Red Bull Air Race world champion.

The other half of the Matt Hall Racing team will be operations manager, charter pilot and aerobatics extraordinaire Emma McDonald, who will demonstrate the team’s Extra 300. The Extra is one of the fastest, most powerful and manoeuvrable two-seat aerobatic aircraft in Australia, but is also cleared to carry passengers on aerobatic experience flights, for those with the desire to experience just a little bit of the life of a display pilot.

Avalon 2025 will put audiences front and centre to see some of the most capable aerobatics pilots in the country.



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LONG RANGE HEAVY HITTER

Built to project air dominance rapidly and at great distances, the F-22 combines stealth for radar invisibility, the ability to redirect or "vector" its engine exhaust nozzles for incredible agility, and a cockpit that fuses information from multiple sources into an efficient stream for fast pilot decision making.

The F-22 Raptor is one of the few aircraft in the world capable of "super cruise", the ability to fly at Mach 1.5, one and a half times the speed of sound, without using its fuel-hungry engine afterburners. It is capable of at least Mach 2.

The Avalon F-22 will be flown by the US Air Force's own Raptor demonstration team.



F-22

F-16

BUILT FOR AGILITY

The F-16 Fighting Falcon (also known as the Viper) was designed as a cost-effective lightweight air-to-air fighter aircraft. Seen by many as the ultimate jet fighter, it is revolutionary for its "relaxed stability" design for greater agility, and a side-mounted control column that allows the pilot seat to be slanted back at an angle of 30 degrees for pilot comfort and ability to handle high G-forces in tight manoeuvres. It is capable of Mach 2 at altitude.

The Avalon 2025 F-16 is flown by the United States Air Force Pacific Air Force (PACAF) Demonstration Team, operating out of the USAF Misawa Air Base, Japan.



HERITAGE SQUADRON KEEPS THE HISTORY ALIVE

It may be hard to believe, but there was a time when historic aircraft such as Spitfires and Mustangs were valued only as scrap metal.

The vast surplus of aircraft at the end of World War Two meant there were more than 117,000 ex-military fighters, attack aircraft and bombers to be sold or scrapped in the US alone by the end of 1945. Most were stripped of useful equipment such as engines and instruments, then melted down into aluminium ingots.

Retired aircraft survived through being sold into civil service, retired to museums, placed in storage or sent to training schools to give engineering students something to practise on, until someone realised that they were quickly becoming the last of their historic breed.

In January 2021 the Royal Australian Air Force reformed 100 Squadron as a means of preserving and flying aircraft that were part of Australia's military aviation history.

They range from a replica of the World War One Sopwith Pup biplane, through World War Two aircraft such as the Lockheed Hudson and Spitfire, to the CA-27 Sabre and English Electric Canberra jets, the Vietnam veteran Cessna A-37B Dragonfly and later CT4A trainer.

The squadron maintains these priceless artefacts of Australia's national heritage in airworthy condition. Members of the fleet regularly participate in static displays, flypasts and overhead aerial displays at major events and airshows, to commemorate those who have fallen in service of the country, to promote the Royal Australian Air Force and inspire future generations.

Thanks to the foresight of the Royal Australian Air Force and Temora Aviation Museum, Avalon 2025 visitors will have the chance to see and hear these priceless reminders of Australia's aviation history.



SUPERMARINE SPITFIRE MK VIII

The Heritage Flight's Spitfire was the last acquired by the Royal Australian Air Force, built in England in 1944, and delivered in Australia in April 1945, too late to see active service in World War Two. After the war, the aircraft became an instructional airframe at Sydney Technical College, eventually being restored to flying

condition in 1985. The aircraft is painted in the green and grey camouflage colours worn by the RAAF aircraft defending Darwin during World War II and in operations in the South West Pacific. It carries the military serial number A58-602 and markings of Wing Commander R.H. (Bobby) Gibbes OAM DSO DFC.

CAC CA-18 MUSTANG

Avalon has played a part in the life of CA-18 Mustang A68-170, as the first place the aircraft was publicly displayed after its restoration to flying condition in 1999. The Commonwealth Aircraft Corporation (CAC) Mustang is one of 120 Australian built Mustangs ordered for the Royal Australian Air Force in the years after World War II. The aircraft now flies in the colours of a later American built P-51, which served in the Royal Australian Air Force as A68-750.



CAC CA-25 WINJEEL

The Winjeel was Australia's post-war indigenous three-seat trainer aircraft, first flown in the 1950s, and still serving as a Forward Air Controller aircraft for target marking as late as 1994. As a trainer aircraft the Winjeel prototype was found to be so stable it was modified to make it easier to spin, as this was an important element in pilot training. Originally retired in 1968 when the Royal Australian Air Force introduced an "all-jet" training system, the Winjeel was actually retained when the jet system didn't produce the desired results, and soldiered on until being replaced by the CT4A Airtrainer in 1975.



LOCKHEED 14L HUDSON

100 Squadron's Lockheed Hudson A16-112 was one of 247 the Royal Australian Air Force received between January 1940 and May 1942. This aircraft conducted anti-submarine patrols off the Western Australian coast, patrolled off the east coast and flew bombing and reconnaissance missions from Milne Bay in Papua New Guinea. Post war it flew for geosurvey company Adastral Aerial Surveys, before being sold privately and restored. The aircraft now wears the colours of fellow Hudson A16-211, which participated in the famous Battle of Milne Bay in Papua New Guinea.



NEW ZEALAND AEROSPACE INDUSTRIES CT4A AIRTRAINER

Following on from the heavier Winjeel, the considerably lighter and initially green and yellow CT4A Airtrainer was nicknamed the "Plastic Parrot" in Royal Australian Air Force service (even though it is made of aluminium). In service from 1975 to 1993, the CT4A served as a basic training aircraft and also in teaching experienced pilots to become flying instructors. Stored since its retirement in 1993, 100 Squadron's CT4A A19-077 was returned to airworthy condition by the RAAF Museum's technical staff and volunteers. In 2006 it took to the skies over Point Cook for the first time since 1994.





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EVENT MAP

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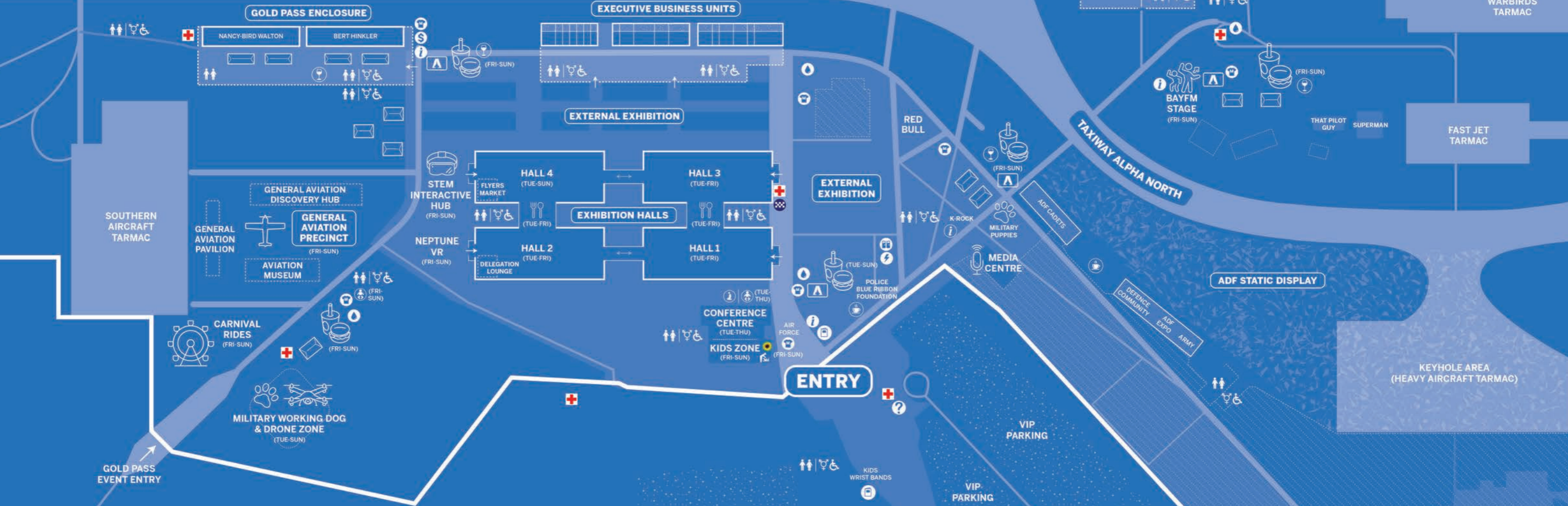
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| | CHARGING STATION | | LOCKERS | | SUPERSCREEN |
| | COFFEE | | MERCHANDISE | | TOURISM INFORMATION |
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FLYING FOR FUN – GENERAL AVIATION OFFERS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

The Avalon Australian International Airshow 2025 General Aviation Precinct will showcase dozens of organisations and around 100 aircraft that are all about helping you get airborne in exciting ways, often for less than you might think.

Located near Exhibition Hall 4, this exciting area will offer an unmatched hands-on experience for aviation enthusiasts of all ages. Dive into the world of flight at the STEM Interactive Hub, where Virtual Reality headsets, flight simulators, and flat-pack aircraft assembly await.

Explore the aviation past at the Aviation Museum or visit the General Aviation Pavilion to learn about pathways to become a pilot and get involved in the General Aviation community. The fascinating thing about General Aviation is just how general it really is.

That wide definition covers everything from restored vintage aircraft to gliders, seaplanes, mass produced aircraft from household names such as Cirrus, Cessna and Piper, and the latest generation of Light Sport Aircraft, many of which you can build in your own shed. Some are built to go fast, and some specifically to go slow, some earn a living, and some are flown purely for pleasure. All are built for a purpose.

But don't think for a minute that light on size means light on performance. Some of the new breed of Light Sport Aircraft will cruise in comfort at 370 km/h. That's nation-hopping speed in an aircraft that weighs less and takes up little more space than most small cars.

And they are well equipped. Advances in engines and airframe technology have been matched by those in navigation and flight systems, offering instrument



panels that would have been the envy of airline pilots just a decade or so ago.

The Avalon Australian International Airshow 2025 will highlight the breadth of general aviation, from museum and historic societies to flight training, vintage aircraft, new light and Light Sport machines and helicopters.

It's important because general aviation is a large sector of the overall community. In 2023 there were more than 11,000 general aviation aircraft registered in Australia, and they spent more than half a million hours in the air in that year alone. It's important also because a first flight in a light aircraft is still the spark for thousands of lifelong aviation careers.

For this reason, Avalon 2025 will include around 20 specialist aviation associations, clubs and groups who have been given exhibition space at the event at no cost, just to ensure they are able to attend.

The precinct will include a museum area, general aviation speakers and experts, plus literally dozens of organisations dedicated to building, flying and training in the general aviation sector.

100 YEARS OF THE MOTH

Saturday 22 February marked 100 years since the first flight of the de Havilland DH60 Moth, one of the few aircraft truly worthy of being called "iconic".

Originally designed for private pilots, the DH60 Moth spawned a family of Moth light aircraft and military trainers, including the Tiger Moth, of which nearly 9000 were built, which has become an iconic aircraft in military and civil training around the world.

Now, in the Centenary year of the Moth's first flight, the Avalon Australian International Airshow 2025 has teamed with the Antique Aeroplane Association of Australia (AAAA) on what may prove to be the anniversary's first flying event anywhere in the world.

Visitors at Avalon 2025 will see a museum display detailing the aircraft's history alongside a real Cirrus Moth and Hornet Moth, while the Antique Aeroplane Association of Australia's own "Frozen Five" Tiger Moth formation team will fly as part of the airshow.



We all know the Tiger Moth as a military training aircraft, but wartime Tiger Moths were also used as communications and even maritime patrol aircraft. Post-war they played major roles in Australian civil pilot training, club flying and agricultural aviation.

Even today, Tiger Moths are still operating commercially on scenic and air experience flights and Moths of various types are flying in private hands. The Avalon 2025 team is looking forward to helping celebrate the Centenary of this amazing aircraft.

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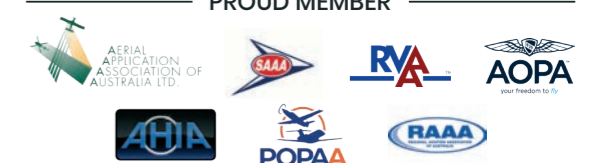
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RECORD CAREERS DAY WELCOMES MORE THAN 7500 STUDENTS

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Whether your interest is in the arts, science, business or mathematics, these industries offer the potential for rewarding, exciting careers that may have you working anywhere in the world (or maybe even orbiting above it), on cutting-edge projects that make a difference.

The 2025 Avalon Australian International Airshow's specialist Careers Program will give more than 7500 secondary and tertiary students a first-hand look at aviation and aerospace as a career and the education pathways that will launch their vocation.

The main program on Friday 28 March will see students from more than 100 schools on-site at Avalon 2025, hearing from specialist speakers on a range of subjects including:

- The Coolest Careers in Aerospace
- Engineering the Skies, Innovations and Opportunities
- Dream Big: Journeys, Innovations and Humanity in Space, and
- Empowering Voices: Celebrating STEM Journeys

They will hear from key industry and science leaders, including two former NASA astronauts and Australia's own. But you don't have to be part of the official Careers Day to find out more about an aviation career.

From Friday to Sunday, airshow visitors can dive into the world of flight at the STEM Interactive Hub, where VR headsets, flight simulators, and flat-pack aircraft assembly await. Explore the aviation past at the Aviation Museum or visit the General Aviation Pavilion to learn about pathways to become a pilot and get involved in the General Aviation community.

Or see the Australian Defence Force careers team to find out about study, life and service in uniform.

Hall 4 of Avalon 2025 expo exhibition area will also stay open across the weekend, highlighting companies promoting their own career path and STEM programs.

And thanks to the Avalon's new Work Experience program, 10 lucky students have spent part of this week learning how the event works from the inside, as part of the airshow team across fields such as hospitality, conference management and event operations.

TEACHING THE TEACHERS

While students will be learning about the industry as a career, teachers and educators will be learning how to understand the opportunities, and what industry needs from its next generation, thanks to a partnership between Avalon 2025 and Questacon, the National Science and Technology Centre.

Around 50 educators are expected at the Avalon Professional Development Day on Thursday 27 March, with workshops and presentations including Engineering Is Elementary and STEM Futures.

ROYAL AERONAUTICAL SOCIETY WELCOMES AEROSPACE STUDENTS

It's not all about school students. Earlier this week the Royal Aeronautical Society's Aerospace Student Professional Day Program provided around 60 university students with access to the Avalon 2025 industry and trade show days, to engage with industry and find out more about career opportunities.

Accredited Aerospace Student Professionals attended, at no charge, some of the conferences, symposiums and forums conducted at Avalon 2025.

The invitation was extended to Undergraduate, Postgraduate University or TAFE students studying an aerospace engineering or aviation sciences/technology/management course/program, and who actively show a keen interest in pursuing a career in the aerospace, aviation, or defence sectors.

This program is particularly directed at those students who are in their final years of professional study, prior to joining the aviation and aerospace workforce.



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DRONE RACING ALWAYS A HIT

Find the “big top” tent at Avalon 2025 and you will see some of the most advanced military drone racing teams around going at it in a seriously fast and entertaining challenge.

But this is no novelty event: Australian Army and Air Force drone racing teams regularly compete in prestigious international events against teams from Singapore, Indonesia, the United Kingdom and New Zealand, and very often come out on top.

The frenetic atmosphere of the drone races masks a practical application. This competitive military sport has participants competing in drone design and technologies, developing pilot skills and teamwork, in a field that is only becoming more important the world over.

It's fast, frenetic fun, but for the Australian Defence Force this exciting sport may also attract the next generation of military drone experts.



AIRSHOW FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!



THERE IS SOMETHING FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY AT AVALON 2025, BOTH YOUNG AND OLD! ROVING ENTERTAINMENT, CARNIVAL RIDES, LIVE PERFORMANCES, ACTIVITIES, SIMULATORS AND GAMES ARE ALL INCLUDED IN YOUR ENTRY TICKET, AND THAT'S BEFORE WE EVEN GET TO THE AIRCRAFT.

KIDS ZONE

Kids Zone is a dedicated space for kids with craft, games and activities in an inclusive environment designed for fun.

- **Crafting Zone** – Watch their imaginations take flight with colouring sheets, paper plane making, and build-your-own jet models.
- **Face Painting** – Our talented face painters are ready to transform kids into superheroes, animals, or anything they dream up.
- **Games Zone** – Action-packed fun every 30 minutes, with games like tag, foam soccer, dodgeball, parachute play, and treasure hunts.

CARNIVAL RIDES

Ride all weekend for FREE with a huge range of carnival rides included with your Avalon 2025 ticket.

THAT PILOT GUY

A favourite in 2023, That Pilot Guy will help pull back the veil on the science behind flight - and then launch your own rocket towards the sky.

ROAMING ENTERTAINMENT

Be dazzled by our talented entertainers who are on the ground to put a smile on your face.

THE BAY FM STAGE

Don't miss The Bay FM Stage from Friday to Sunday featuring a dynamic lineup of live performances, special guests, and interactive shows.



Scan here to see the updated list of Family Fun events on the Avalon 2025 website!



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AUSTRALIAN STUDENTS HEAD FOR NASA ASTRONAUT TRAINING

Four Australian secondary students will jet off for training at a NASA space facility in the United States this year, after being presented with international Astronaut Al Worden Endeavour Scholarships at Avalon Australian International Airshow 2025.

“Mission Team #24” will include four exceptional students and one inspiring educator, representing Australia at an annual international Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama mid-2025.

They will participate in astronaut training, engineering challenges, team-building activities, and an extended-duration simulated space mission with fellow mission teams from around the world.

The Australian scholarship recipients include:

- **Jodi Lawn** – Emerald State High School, Queensland
- **Olivia Dowsley** – Kardinia International College, Victoria
- **Andi Wu** - Haileybury College, Victoria
- **Farzana Mohammad** – Northern Bay College, Victoria

This year’s program drew over 90 inspiring applications, highlighting the incredible talent, creativity, and passion within the nation’s STEM community.

NASA Apollo 15 Command Module Pilot Colonel Al Worden, a global advocate for science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM) education, inspired the Endeavour Scholarship program which launched in 2019.

Managed by the nonprofit Kallman Foundation, selection of Australia’s recipients is managed by Avalon 2025 organiser AMDA Foundation.

Justin Giddings, CEO of AMDA Foundation Limited and organiser of Avalon 2025, said, “Every submission we received showcased incredible passion, creativity, and a deep commitment to advancing STEM education.

“It is inspiring to see so many young Australians and educators striving to make an impact in the fields of space exploration and STEM and we were proud to celebrate these exceptional individuals at Avalon 2025.”



AVALON 2025 HOSTS ASTRONAUTS, INCLUDING AUSTRALIA’S OWN!

Students and educators attending the Avalon Australian International Airshow 2025 will hear from three astronauts, including the youngest man to ever walk on the moon, a Space Shuttle pilot who helped build the International Space Station, and Australia’s first home-flagged astronaut.

Charlie Duke is best known as the Lunar Module Pilot of Apollo 16 and the tenth person to walk on the Moon. He remains the youngest person to have walked on the lunar surface, just 36 at the time.

After retiring from NASA, Duke pursued careers in business and public speaking. Today, he is an Ambassador for the Endeavour Scholarship, inspiring future generations to reach for the stars.

Mike Bloomfield served as an F-15 fighter pilot and F-16 test pilot before becoming a NASA astronaut in 1994.

He flew three Space Shuttle missions, supporting the construction of the International Space Station, and held key leadership roles at NASA, including Chief Instructor Astronaut and Deputy Director of Flight Crew Operations. Mike is also an Ambassador for the Endeavour Scholarship.

Katherine Bennell-Pegg is the first person qualified as an astronaut under the Australian flag.

Katherine works for the Australian Space Agency, where she has contributed to growing Australia’s space capability as technical lead on scoping the nation’s first Moon rover mission, developing plans to capitalise on Australia’s space strengths, and managing the Access to Space Team. She has more than a decade of experience developing space programs and strategies, technologies, and missions across Europe, the UK, the US and Australia.

Katherine graduated from astronaut training with the European Space Agency in 2024 and is now eligible for missions to the International Space Station and beyond.

Passionate about STEM education and inspiring young people into space-related careers, Katherine will attend the Avalon 2025 Careers Day as a panel member and speaker.

COMMENTARY TEAM WILL BRING THE AIRSHOW TO LIFE!

THE AVALON 2025 COMMENTATING TEAM WILL HAVE THE FULL STORY ON EVERYTHING THE AIRSHOW AUDIENCE IS SEEING IN THE AIR, AND ON THE GROUND.

Our team of experts includes broadcasters with aerospace industry experience, private pilot qualifications and years of honing the art of telling a good story.

Whether it's the history, the technicalities or the people, our team of self-confessed aviation enthusiasts will bring each display alive with the tech talk and stories of the aircraft and the people who fly and support them.



ANGELA STEVENSON
Co-host

Angela Stevenson, a true aviation enthusiast and the first female member of the airshow commentary team, will return to the microphone in 2025. Once terrified of aircraft, she now flies her beloved Victa Airtourer, #CaptScarlett, and has even taken on aerobatics. Passionate about both general aviation and aviation journalism, Angela has contributed to major publications and organised aviation events. But for Angela, the 'pièce de résistance' has always been Avalon—the airshow that captures the essence of Australian aviation at its finest.



TONY MOCLAIR
Co-host

Tony Moclair returns to the airshow commentary desk in 2025, bringing his unique blend of comedy, and deep passion for military aviation and history. Known for his role as a radio host on 3AW, where he hosts Afternoons, Tony combines his expertise in broadcasting with his love for aviation to deliver engaging, insightful commentary.



GRANT MCHERRON
Commentator

With an extensive aviation background, Grant McHerron has experience in commercial hot air balloon operations, Defence, and airshow commentary. Grant holds a hot air balloon pilot certificate and has pursued fixed-wing and glider pilot certifications. A true aviation enthusiast, Grant enjoys aerobatics with friends, is fascinated by antique biplanes, and dreams of trying hang gliding and parachuting.



ANDREW MCLAUGHLIN
Trade Show Reporter

Award winning aerospace and defence journalist Andrew McLaughlin returns as our trade show reporter for 2025. Andrew has been a key figure in Australian aviation journalism for more than two decades, including roles as Deputy Editor of *Australian Aviation* and Editor of *Australian Defence Business Review*. A prolific writer and co-author of two books on the F/A-18 Hornet in Australian service, Andrew has earned three Aviation Journalist of the Year awards and a 2023 Decade of Excellence recognition.



MICHAEL VEITCH
Roving Reporter

Michael Veitch wrote and performed on Australian TV comedy programs including the *D-Generation* and *Fast Forward* before working as a newspaper columnist and regular broadcaster for ABC radio in Melbourne and Tasmania, and presenting the national Sunday Arts program on ABC Television. He has published 12 books on various subjects, including military aviation of the Second World War. He is now a Community Liaison Officer with the RAAF History and Heritage Branch, with the rank of Wing Commander.

BUSINESS WITH ALTITUDE



Don't let the comfy seats and the rock star trappings fool you – for the vast majority of users, a business jet or helicopter is a productivity tool, not a toy.

The Avalon Australian International Airshow is always a showcase for the latest in business jets from renowned manufacturers such as Textron, Embraer, Dassault and Gulfstream.

Past Avalon visitors have ranged from the Brazilian Embraer Phenom 300, the best-selling light jet for 12 years, capable of flying Perth to Brisbane, to the globe-girdling three-engine Dassault 8X, offering large cabin comfort, and Sydney to Los Angeles in one hop.

While the stereotype is business jet as flying hotel room, the reality is more flying office. Today's aircraft are equipped with the latest in communications and work spaces, to the point where US research has found two thirds of business jet passengers say they are more productive on the aircraft than in their own office.



And those people are likely to be sales and technical teams, rather than company fat cats – top management flies on less than half of operated business jet sectors. The aircraft are just as likely to be carrying specialist teams on their way to sort a problem for a client, or even tools and materials that can't be carried on airlines.

Business jets are about efficient, anonymous point-to-point travel, to around 10 times more airports than are served by the airlines.

Australia's business jet fleet numbers around 230. And they don't have to be jets – the turboprop Beech King Air and Pilatus PC-12 are the workhorses of Australian regional business, traversing the country's remote corners, where rugged terrain and shorter, sometimes unpaved runways are even a challenge for most business jets.

Not every business jet goes to work to carry passengers. The Avalon 2025 flight line is expected to highlight the Leidos Challenger, a business jet modified as a search and rescue aircraft, while other jets and helicopters are equipped for emergency medical transport, cargo operations and even aerial firefighting.



- Meet astronauts
- Expert talks
- See how space makes life better for all of us



THE BUSINESS OF AVIATION AND AEROSPACE

By the time gates open to the public on Friday afternoon, the “other” Avalon Australian International Airshow, for industry, is largely complete.

Avalon is a split-personality celebration of aviation, aerospace and space. The first three days are industry-only exhibition days, devoted to business. Day four becomes a hybrid business and public day, with gates opening to the general public in anticipation of the world-class Friday night and weekend airshows.

With the latest military aircraft, business jets, commercial aircraft, helicopters and light aircraft displayed on the flight line, industry promotes its products and services in the exhibition halls and external display areas. Major international household names exhibit alongside smaller companies and start-ups with a Big Idea, offering industry at all levels a unique opportunity to connect with potential customers, suppliers and partners.

This is Australia’s signature aerospace industry event, respected for the engagement opportunities created by the sheer concentration of industry, government, defence and academia. This year around 850 companies and organisations are exhibiting, from major international prime contractors to small businesses and start-ups.

They come to be part of the estimated \$24 billion Australian military aerospace market, \$43 billion civil aviation and aerospace market, and a burgeoning space industry worth around \$4 billion per year, which the Australian Space Agency is working to triple in size by 2030.

And Avalon is growing. Exhibition space sold out in 2023, so the exhibition footprint has grown by a third for Avalon 2025, with the addition of a fourth exhibition hall.

This is where chance conversations can and have led to multi-million-dollar contracts and the smart small company can be noticed by the big end of town.



Avalon is an industry melting pot for sales, product launches, customer relationship development and market research, for seeking out potential suppliers and for studying major competitors.

The industry exhibition is complemented with a conference program on a cross-section of issues across industry, defence and government. The 2025 program included presentations from the Australian Chief of Air Force, Australian Association for Uncrewed Systems (AAUS), Australian Space Agency, Royal Aeronautical Society, Department of Defence, Royal Australian Air Force and more than 50 other organisations from airport design companies to flight test and engineering societies.

When it comes to the business of aviation and aerospace, Avalon is Australia’s own world-class international event.



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Our volunteer community comes together every two years to be a part of this exciting and rewarding event. Many of them come back time and time again, with some volunteers having experienced 10 airshows across two decades.

Volunteers gain great satisfaction from being part of one of the world's premier aerospace and defence events, and from the camaraderie they gain in their own teams, often describing their experience as being "like a family reunion every two years".

Avalon 2025 supports its volunteers with uniforms and training, meals and amenities and camping facilities on-site.

Please remember, the volunteers serving you at Avalon 2025 are giving up their own time for free, to help you have the best experience possible. So please be kind, and thank them for their effort!

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

We are always on the lookout for new volunteers, for both the Avalon Australian International Airshow and our regional airshow, Airshows Downunder Shellharbour, held every two years at Shellharbour, near Wollongong in New South Wales.



To find out more about joining the team, see airshow.com.au or scan the QR Code.

GEELONG'S OWN INTERNATIONAL EVENT

Attracting industry and visitors from all over Australia and around the world, the Avalon Australian International Airshow benefits both industry and the local economy.

Avalon 2023 attracted around 48,000 attendances during its three industry-only days, with overall attendances of close to a quarter of a million from 38 countries across the six-day event.

An independent report showed the Avalon 2023 event contributed \$240 million to the Victorian state economy, while the City of Greater Geelong believes the event is worth \$24 million to the local economy.

\$240M

Avalon 2023 contribution to Victorian state economy

\$24M

Avalon 2023 contribution to the local economy



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Tigga Mac is a lovable down to earth Melbourne-based cake decorator, who transforms cakes into edible art! Boasting a following in the millions across her social media platforms, her creative designs and “you can do it too” approach to cake making have won the hearts of many.

To celebrate Avalon 2025, Tigga created an Airshow-themed cake, featuring an F-35A Lightning jet shooting out of the cake.



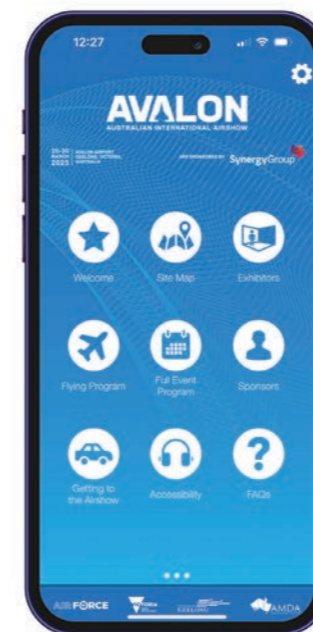
GEELONG IS HOME

The Avalon Australian International Airshow is an international event, but with the organisers based right here in Geelong we have always wanted our home city to be as involved as possible.

Avalon 2025 is the first to feature the “Geelong Is Home” program. We have up to a dozen Geelong businesses staging airshow-related events from cocktail functions to themed movie nights across the month of March, promoted through the Airshow website and social media channels.



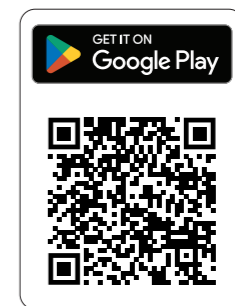
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