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MINISTERS SUPPORT AIRSHOW

The Australian Defence Minister, Joel Fitzgibbon, and the Minister for Industry and Innovation, Kim Carr, have announced their support for the 2009 Australian International Airshow and Aerospace & Defence Exposition.

Both Ministers have described Avalon 2009 as a major event, and the ideal setting to promote Australia's defence, aviation and aerospace capabilities.

In expressing his support for the event, Minister Fitzgibbon says:-

"The Defence Exposition will provide opportunities for Australian and international defence industries to display their capabilities to both the local and international communities and is an excellent opportunity for interaction between the representatives of the Australian and visiting international defence forces."

The Australian International Airshow and Aerospace & Defence Exposition again promises to be the most comprehensive and spectacular aviation and aerospace event in the Asia Pacific.

In 2007, 63 international delegations attended the event and the show attracted 611 participating exhibitor companies from 20 nations. 457 aircraft were on display.

Industry and Innovation Minister Kim Carr expects Avalon 2009 to continue to grow in size and popularity.

"Australian industry is well known for its ability to provide innovative solutions and our aerospace industry excels in providing competitive solutions to the world. Australian companies are at the forefront of technology development and this Airshow provides them with the opportunity to showcase these technologies on a global stage", Minister Carr says.

The 2009 Australian International Airshow will celebrate the theme 'Towards Tomorrow', and the advances in aviation and aerospace technology since man first walked on the moon 40 years ago.

The Australian International Airshow and Aerospace & defence Exposition will be held at Avalon Airport, Geelong Victoria from the 10th -15th of March, 2009.

Avalon 2009 is presented with major support from its principal partners - the Australian Department of Defence (especially the Royal Australian Air Force), the Government of Victoria, and the City of Greater Geelong.

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