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THE COUNTDOWN BEGINS

The countdown has begun with Tickets and Gold Passes on sale for the most exciting aviation event in the Southern Hemisphere.

Get ready to **'blast off'** as the Australian International Airshow celebrates the 40th anniversary of the first manned mission to land on the moon.

The CEO of Airshows Downunder, Ian Honnery, is advising those enthusiasts after the best seat in the house to get in early to purchase Gold Passes.

"The 2009 Avalon Airshow promises to **'blast off'** to the height of excitement and we anticipate Gold Passes will be in high demand", Mr Honnery said.

Mr Honnery has stressed that only a limited number of Gold Passes would be available for sale.

"A Gold Pass ticket is a **'first class'** pass to enjoy the 2009 Australian International Airshow with the best possible views of all the action", he said.

Gold Pass holders enjoy a reserved grandstand seat right in front of the runway, entrance of exclusive dining areas and facilities, complimentary car parking, a souvenir program and a Gold Pass cap.

Friday Gold Pass holders have the added bonus of early access to the site from 9am.

The Australian International Airshow 2009 will be staged at Avalon Airport from March 10th-15th 2009. Tuesday March 10th until 2pm on Friday March 13th are exclusive 'trade only' days. The event is open to the general public from 2pm Friday March 13th.

Visitors to the area can also take advantage of the many exciting and spectacular hospitality and tourist options the region has to offer, including the beautiful bayside beaches of the Bellarine Peninsula.

Tickets are now on sale through Ticketmaster phone 136 100.

Tickets can also be purchased directly on the net via www.ticketmaster.com.au or www.airshow.com.au

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