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**AUSTRALIAN
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AIRSHOW**
1-6 MARCH
GEELONG VICTORIA **2011**

PREMIER LAUNCHES 2011 AIRSHOW

Victorian Premier Ted Baillieu has officially launched the 2011 Australian International Airshow at Avalon Airport.

Today's launch of the 2011 Airshow marks several significant milestones in Australia's aviation history.

Most significantly, Avalon2011 is the centerpiece of celebrations for the 90th anniversary of the Royal Australian Air Force.

The RAAF's significant presence at the event will focus on the past and looking to future, with the theme tradition, innovation and evolution.

Classic aircraft representing the RAAF's heritage will be on display, along with its latest acquisition, the F/A18 Super Hornet with its state-of-the-art capability.

Avalon2011 will also recognise the centenary of passenger flight in Australia. A number of commercial aircraft will be only display along with a significant display of business jets.

The event itself also has its own cause for celebration being the tenth time the Airshow has been staged at Avalon Airport.

Over the years this biennial event has grown to become one of the leading Airshows in the world.

The Airshow combines significant industry, military and government participation through the Aerospace & Defence Exposition, along with one of the most thrilling public events featuring the unique 'Boeing Friday Night Alight' and spectacular weekend flying displays.

Avalon2011 will deliver one of the most comprehensive static and flying display programs ever seen at the event, including some of the world's most exciting aircraft.

For the first time ever in Australia, the public will get a chance to see the U.S top-of-the-line fighter, the F-22 Raptor.

The F-22 Raptor boasts stealth technology, speed, agility and long range capabilities, and is currently the world's only operational fifth generation fighter.



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The 2011 Australian International Airshow and Aerospace & Defence Exposition is being staged at Avalon Airport from March 1 -6.

The event is open to the public from 2pm on Friday March 4th with aircraft involved in both static and flying displays across the weekend.

The Airshow is presented with major support from its principal partners – The Australian Department of Defence, the Government of Victoria and the City of Greater Geelong.

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