

AVALON 2011

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AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL AIRSHOW AND AEROSPACE & DEFENCE EXPOSITION

AIRSHOW TO FOCUS ON AVIATION FUTURE

The 2011 Australian International Airshow and Aerospace & Defence Exposition will turn the spotlight on the future direction of defence capabilities.

For the first time at the event there will be a dedicated demonstration facility for unmanned aerial vehicles, unmanned ground vehicles and intelligence surveillance reconnaissance systems.

With defence forces around the world now using unmanned surveillance technology, Avalon 2011 will offer companies a unique opportunity to showcase their capabilities on a national and international platform.

Airshow CEO Ian Honnery says the unmanned systems and IRS showcase and demonstration facility will enhance the event's reputation as one of the most comprehensive defence and aerospace industry expositions in the world.

"Unmanned vehicles are providing crucial support to defence operations around the world and will be a key feature of future defence capabilities," Mr Honnery says.

"Avalon 2011 will be one of a handful of Airshows at which companies can now give a full operational demonstration of their unmanned technologies."

Smaller UAV's will be demonstrated inside a specially created theatre within the exhibition pavilion, while larger unmanned vehicles will be accommodated at a specially created outdoor facility within the Airshow compound.

For the first time at Avalon, companies involved in the development of unmanned aerial vehicle, unmanned ground vehicle and intelligence surveillance reconnaissance systems will be able to fly and demonstrate their technology and have live imagery streamed back for viewing.

This demonstration facility will be under the direction of a Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) certified unmanned aerial system controller.

The development of this facility is a unique and exciting opportunity to see first hand some of the larger UAV's in action.

In addition, the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems – Australia will host its first annual conference in Melbourne in conjunction with the Australian International Airshow and Aerospace & Defence Exposition.

This conference, which is expected to attract delegates from around the world, will focus on the future unmanned capabilities for Australia in both military and civil applications. A break out session of this conference will also be held at Avalon2011.

The 2011 Australian International Airshow and Aerospace and Defence Exposition is being held at Avalon Airport near Geelong, Victoria from March 1st – March 6th.

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