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AIRSHOW WRAPS UP WITH HUGE CROWDS

Organisers of the 2011 Australian International Airshow are delighted with the huge crowd turnout for this year's event.

Airshow CEO Ian Honnery says 2011 looks set to be one of the biggest attendances in the event's history.

"While we won't know final figures for a little while, we do expect our total attendances across the full six trade and public days of the event to exceed 180 thousand," Mr Honnery says.

"Good weather, a fantastic line up of aircraft on static display and in the flying program, along with all the celebrations associated with the RAAF 90th anniversary has contributed to an outstanding event."

From a fledgling beginning at Avalon Airport in 1992, the Australian International Airshow and Aerospace & Defence Exposition has grown and become a world class event on the aviation and aerospace calendar.

"We would not have been able to build this event without the continuing support of the Government of Victoria, the City of Geelong and the Australian Defence Force, in particular the Royal Australian Air Force," Mr Honnery says.

The 2011 Australian International Airshow has been particularly special because it celebrated the 90th anniversary of the Royal Australian Air Force.

Aircraft from around the world descended on Avalon to thrill crowds across the public days of the event.

"Let's hope the event will still be going strong and even bigger and better when the RAAF celebrates its Centenary in 2021," Mr Honnery says.

The biennial Australian International Airshow will be staged again at Avalon Airport in March 2013.

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