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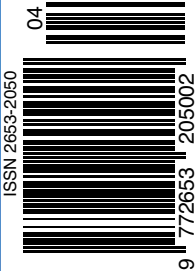


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IN THIS CHRISTMAS 2022 edition of *Wings* we offer a mostly pictorial preview of the Avalon International Airshow 2023 and present the RAAF formation display team, the Roulettes. We also introduce a new initiative to deliver a more in-depth review of major ADF acquisition projects; in this edition Project Air6500 – Joint Air Battle Management System. We hope you find that addition enlightening and interesting.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Katie and Sandy for their design and production effort throughout the year to produce the quality magazine *Wings* has become. Many thanks also to Sue, Phil and David for their promotion of the magazine to our sponsors and advertising clients and to our loyal supporters whose patronage is essential to sustain the magazine in its modern form.

To close the year, we wish all our readers and supporters a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy festive season. We look forward to seeing you back on the same page in 2023. Please visit our website, wingsmagazine.org, and consider arranging a personal or gift subscription to receive a regular copy in the mail and to access the magazine online.

Ron Haack, Wings managing editor

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The Summer 22 edition of Wings presents a great range of interesting content. We provide a mostly pictorial preview of the Avalon International Airshow 2023 and present the RAAF formation display team – The Roulettes. We have introduced a new initiative to deliver a more in-depth review of major ADF acquisition projects; in this edition Project Air6500 – Joint Air Battle Management System. In addition to our regular features, Aviation and Industry news, Finance and Leadership and Management (Adversarial Relationships), Summer concludes development of the Australian g-suit and continues our series on X Planes. We also take an initial look at current Australian initiatives to deal ourselves into the space game with sovereign rocket development and launch services for the low earth orbit domain. We hope you enjoy the magazine and wish all a merry Christmas and look forward to entertaining you again in 2023.