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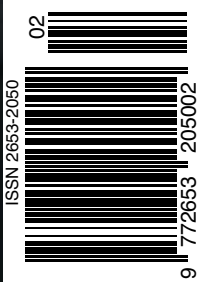
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We review global collaborative combat aircraft developments along with Anduril's focus on delivering defence capability quickly and in numbers.

Dr Justin Bronk discusses the new balance of air power and preparing for the future. In our interview, Vice Admiral Justin Jones AO CSC RAN provides valuable insights from his role as the Chief of Joint Operations.

An assessment of the 2026 National Defence Strategy and Integrated Investment Program in relation to Australia's strategic environment and the 2026/27 Budget provides a timely understanding of their overall impact.

The article 'Masters of the Air' highlights the premium placed on data and decision speed. 'From Cockpit to Cabin' provides a personal view of the transition from RAAF to Qantas pilot.

To honour Korean Veterans' Day (27 July), we look at No 77 Squadron's role in the Korean War. The importance of preserving our history is emphasised by the efforts of the Australian Military Aviation History project.

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In this edition we also continue our Interview series with the Chief of Joint Operations (CJOPS), Vice Admiral Justin Jones AO CSC RAN. The CJOPS provides a valuable insight into a range of areas.

We review the world-wide collaborative combat aircraft developments along with Anduril's focus on delivering defence capability quickly and in numbers.

The article Masters of the Air highlights the premium placed on data and decision speed. Only those who truly master the data era will master the air.

An article on the recently received Peregrine aircraft highlights the new capability this brings.

An assessment of the 2026 National Defence Strategy (NDS26) and Integrated Investment Program (IIP) in relation to Australia's strategic environment and the 2026/27 Budget provides a timely understanding of the overall impact of each.

The article From Cockpit to Cabin: A Pilot's View of Civil Aviation provides a personal

view of the transition from RAAF pilot to Qantas pilot.

Converting legacy aircraft into electric using batteries & range extension technology is the focus of the Dovetail Aviation story and we also highlight the trailblazers, Australia's future space workforce.

The focus on the Maryborough Military Aviation Museum highlights the history of the men and women stationed at WWII RAAF Station Maryborough along with details of the current focus and future plans.

We acknowledge the Korean War with a story on No. 77 Squadron to honour the Korean Veteran's Day on 27 July 2026. The

importance of our history and preserving our history is emphasised by the roll and efforts of the Australian Military Aviation History project.

Stronger pathways for women in aviation is the focus of Women in Aerospace which highlights how modernised instruction, technology and partnerships are shaping the next generation of aviators.

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