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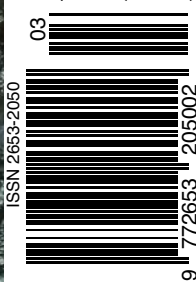
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THE OLDEST RAAF BASE IN NSW, RAAF Base Richmond is celebrating its 100th anniversary with an airshow on 27-28 September, exhibiting some of the ADF's most exciting capabilities. We preview the airshow and offer a snapshot of the base's history.

An assessment of where we sit in terms of countering adversary threats and Allied air power capability trends provides a foundation for articles on collaborative combat aircraft and the importance of an air surveillance capability in an age of long-range and hypersonic missiles. The Chief, GWEO provides an update on his group's achievements over the past 12 months.

In our interview, Vice Chief of the Defence Force Air Marshal Robert Chipman shares insights on his career and the current state of the ADF.

Around the World in 25 Days is the story of a Luftwaffe Wing's journey to the Australian International Airshow 2025.

We continue our series on the RAAF involvement in the Vietnam War with a story on 9 Squadron.

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The oldest RAAF Base in NSW celebrates its 100th anniversary with an airshow on 27-28 September. The Wings Spring 2025 Edition previews the RAAF Richmond Airshow 2025 and outlines the history of the base. The base will open its doors to the public to exhibit some of the Australian Defence Force's most exciting capabilities.

This edition continues to present our regular features whilst introducing some new perspectives. An assessment of where we sit in terms of countering adversary threats and Allied air power capability trends provides a foundation for articles on collaborative combat aircraft and the importance of an air surveillance capability in an age of long-range missiles, including hypersonic missiles. The Chief, GWEO provides an update on GWEO's achievements against its objectives in the last twelve months.

Around the World in 25 Days is the story of the Luftwaffe's journey around the globe which included the Avalon Australian International Airshow 2025.

We have an Interview with the Vice Chief of the Defence Force, Air Marshal Robert Chipman AO, CSC who shares insights on his career with the Air Force and on the current state of the ADF.

The Women in Aerospace Day, hosted by Queensland Air Museum (QAM), inspired young women to consider a career in the aerospace industry.

We continue our series on the RAAF involvement in the Vietnam War, with a story on 9 Squadron at War. The RAAF's history is further highlighted in the story of incursions by hostile aircraft over Northern Australia in the early 1940s and the subsequent tracking and interception as part of the Battle for Australia. The story of Keith "Bluey" Truscott provides the background to his wartime achievements.

The history of Exercise Red Flag highlights the realistic air combat training for military pilots and other flight crew members from the US and Allied countries.