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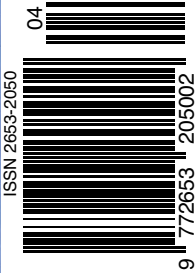
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The cover story of the Summer 21 edition of Wings pays tribute to the F/A-18 Classic Hornet with a concise summary of its selection, Australian industry participation in the fleet build and the aircraft's contribution to Australia's security in RAAF service. RAAF Base Williamtown is the Base feature. We continue the RAAF history series through the era of the global war on terror and precise the Skunk Works development of the Constellation, Hercules and the Neptune. The technology section looks at the evolution and use of wind tunnels to support Australian defence projects. As a little bonus we have inserted two gift cards, one for Christmas and one general occasion, to offer a subscription to Wings to your family and friends. Together with our regular content, the Summer edition is a great read.