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THE SUMMER 2026 EDITION CONTINUES TO PRESENT OUR REGULAR FEATURES ALONG WITH NEW PERSPECTIVES AND INSIGHTS ON A WIDE VARIETY OF TOPICS.

DEFENCE

- Defence's plans for a sovereign-controlled military satellite communications (MILSATCOM) capability
- Exportable military flight training established here
- The gap between the drone threat and the protection available to individual soldiers
- Strengthening Australia's air intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) capabilities
- Exercise Pitch Black 2026 – some of the world's most capable air forces converge on Northern Australia.

SPACE

- Australian of the Year Group Captain Katherine Bennell-Pegg calls on Australia to be daring in our involvement with space.

EVENTS

- Plans for next year's RAAF Airshow
- Wrap-ups of two recent airshows: Wings on the Warrego in Charleville, Qld, and Wings over Mary
- The Long Ride – a retired RAAF WOFF turns a personal adventure into support for prostate cancer research.

HISTORY

- How British Lancaster bombers finally sank the German battleship KMS Admiral Von Tirpitz in 1944
- The story of Bert Stobart, who joined the RAAF in 1941 and was assigned to 460 Squadron under RAF's Bomber Command. He was hoping for a cleaner, safer war. He got anything but.

EDUCATION

- Girls in Aviation Day
- A student reports on a week at the RMIT Space Teams Academy.

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