



MEDIA RELEASE – 24 October, 2011 RAAF F/A-18 HORNET TO FLY FOR WARBIRDS DOWNUNDER

The Temora Aviation Museum is now able to confirm that Australia's frontline fighter, the F/A-18 Hornet, will fly as part of the Warbirds Downunder Airshow at Temora Aviation Museum on November 19th, 2011.

The Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) will fly an F/A-18 Hornet fighter aircraft to Temora Aviation Museum to take part in the Warbirds Downunder Airshow. The F/A-18 Hornet is a multi-role fighter designed for both air-to-air and air-to-ground missions. It is capable of air interception, air combat, close air support of ground troops, and interdiction of enemy supply lines including shipping. The Hornet was developed for the US Navy and Marine Corps and has been a very successful aircraft for the RAAF and many other Air Forces including Canada, Finland, Kuwait, Malaysia, Spain and Switzerland.

The Hornet is powered by two turbofan engines which provide 7,258kgs of thrust each. The aircraft has a top speed of Mach 1.8 (2,200km/h), a maximum all up weight of 20,412kg and boasts a combat radius of 740kms.

The Warbirds Downunder Airshow will take place on November 19th, 2011 and will feature the Temora Aviation Museum's aircraft collection including the Spitfires, Hudson, Meteor and RAAF Sabre plus a number of visiting antique and warbird aircraft including a Mustang, Harvards, and the Connie. The RAAF Roulettes are also attending and will fly their six ship formation aerobatic routine.

Temora Aviation Museum Chief Executive Kenny Love said "Warbirds Downunder will be an important event for the Temora Aviation Museum, the community of Temora and the Riverina. The addition of the F/A-18 Hornet to the flying program is the icing on the cake and we are extremely fortunate to have this support from the Air Force. This will be an amazing opportunity for visitors to get up close to the wide variety of aircraft from the Museum's 1936 Tiger Moth, which actually served at Temora during WWII, through to the current serving frontline fighter, the F/A-18 Hornet. The best part of Warbirds Downunder is that all these aircraft will take part in flying displays."

Tickets are now available online for this event. More information about Warbirds Downunder can be found on the Museum's website at www.aviationmuseum.com.au

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