

## Mass Formation Flypast of up to 20 Super Hornets

There will be a mass formation flypast of up to 20 F/A-18F Super Hornets over the Gold and Sunshine Coasts, Brisbane and Ipswich, this Friday (21 Oct) as part of the welcoming ceremony for four new Super Hornets.

The arrival of the four new aircraft completes the Australian Super Hornet fleet to 24 aircraft.

Sixteen aircraft will depart RAAF Base Amberley between 10 am and 10.30 am and will fly in a loose formation to a point off North Stradbroke Island, where they will form up and fly south, crossing the coast at Southport before flying down the Gold Coast to Tweed Heads.

The armada will then fly out to sea and reform at a point off the Sunshine Coast where it will join with the four new Super Hornets.

The 20-strong formation will fly south from Noosa Heads down the Sunshine Coast to Brisbane where it will then fly over the CBD en route to Ipswich and RAAF Amberley. It is expected to pass over the base at 11.30am.

The formation will be accompanied at intervals by up to two Hawk Mk127 lead-in fighters.

The final number of aircraft flying will depend on operational and training tasks for the aircraft.

The mass formation flypast of up to 20 aircraft will be not only an historic event which may not be repeated, but an important training exercise for operational planners and aircrew.

**Note: The aircraft will fly at approximately 2000 feet (609 mtrs) and up to 350 knots (648 km/h). Times and locations may vary dependant on the weather. The final number of aircraft flying will depend on operational, training and maintenance for the aircraft.**

A more detailed itinerary is as follows:

### Outward leg including Gold Coast

*Up to 16 x F/A-18F Super Hornets*

10.00 am	16 x F/A-18F Super Hornets commence their launch from RAAF Amberley.
	Amberley
1018	Springwood
1021	North Stradbroke Island

- 1023 South Stradbroke Island
- 1025 Southport
- 1026 Surfers Paradise
- 1026 Burleigh Heads
- 1027 Coolangatta
- 1028 Tweed Heads.

Sunshine Coast

*Up to 20 x F/A-18F Super Hornets*

- 1104 Noosa Heads
- 1106 Coolum Beach
- 1107 Maroochydore
- 1108 Caloundra
- 1111 Bribie Island
- 1113 Redcliffe
- 1114 Fisherman's Islands
- 1115 Manly
- 1116 Wellington Point
- 1117 Southern Tip Moreton Island
- 1119 St Helena Island

Brisbane – Ipswich

*Up to 20 x F/A-18F Super Hornets following the Brisbane River*

- 1120 Lytton
- 1121 Balmoral
- Hawthorne
- Kangaroo Point
- Botanic Gardens/Captain Cook Bridge

1122 Highgate Hill

St Lucia

Indooroopilly

Kenmore

1123 Jindalee

Moggill

1124 Ipswich