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Archerfield Airport to showcase Roulettes

Archerfield Airport will host the only Brisbane display by the RAAF's elite formation aerobatic display team, the Roulettes, during a major tour of South Queensland this month.

The free public event will be held in the sky over Archerfield Airport at 3.30pm on Sunday 22 May. Following an aerial display of precision flying, visitors to the airport will have an opportunity to meet the pilots and view their PC-9/A aircraft up close during a static display outside the terminal building.

The seven-members of the RAAF Roulettes team are renowned worldwide for their outstanding flying skills. They can perform precision formations and manoeuvres at speeds of up to 590km per hour, experiencing 4.5 times the normal force of gravity. When they are not touring, the members teach qualified RAAF pilots to become flying instructors at the Central Flying School at RAAF East Sale in Victoria.

It is more than a decade since the Roulettes last performed at Archerfield Airport, so this month's free public event is a rare opportunity for local residents to enjoy a spectacular show of airmanship. Free airport parking is available near the terminal building.

During this month's tour of South Queensland, the Roulettes will also present aerobatic displays over the Gold Coast (Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 May), Caloundra (Tuesday 24 May), Bundaberg (Thursday 26 May), Raglan (Saturday 28 May) and Maryborough (Sunday 29 May).

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