

AVALON

2025

AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL AIRSHOW
AEROSPACE AND DEFENCE EXPOSITION
25-30 MARCH 2025

Many Geelong residents are aware of the biannual Avalon International Airshow.

Most would be unaware that in the week leading up to the Airshow gates being thrown open to the public, the Avalon Airshow is the largest military equipment trade fair in the country.

The Australian International Airshow Aerospace and Defence Exposition is an arms fair where the largest weapons makers in the world display their latest means of killing large numbers of people in a cost-efficient manner.

More than any individual company, university or politician, the Avalon Airshow places Geelong at the centre of the military industrial complex.

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Geelong's local Member in the Federal Government is Defence Minister Richard Marles.

Marles is presiding over the largest military build-up in Australia ever... and seems to be taking to the job with gusto.

A member of the ALP's Right faction, he is stridently pro-US & pro-Israel.



*rather than provide footnotes for all the information contained in this leaflet, we urge you to research the terms and companies we have cited yourself from trusted non-partisan sources. Wikipedia is as good place as any to start for Intelligence. Any of the Australian defence industry magazines and the Australian Government's own websites for the arms industry.

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

The Renegade Activists Action Force have been campaigning on issues of Australian militarism since the 1980s.

In 1990 we produced *Australians Trading in Death and Destruction*, highlighting the role of Australian companies in the international arms trade.

Since that time Australia's role has grown.

The Renegade Solidarity Audio Force is a collaboration between Renegade Activists and the Solidarity Sound System.

We are the crew behind the sound for all big Melbourne Palestine rallies and most smaller ones.

**We believe that the first step
in challenging the masters of
war is to expose them.**

We provide sound, stage & logistic services to human rights, climate and First Nations' rallies.

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**Produced on the lands of the
Wurundjeri people
that have never been ceded.**



By the coast of Corio Bay on Wathawurrung country, Geelong is the second largest city in Victoria.

Geelong has long been a major manufacturing and port centre for Victoria.

Ford had been a major employer in Geelong since the mid 1900s, but with Australia's entry into many free trade agreements in pursuit of mineral and agricultural exports, it signed away its rights under international law to continue to support local manufacturing industries.

Except for one: the military industry.

**Geelong is now seeking to become a
major producer of military equipment
to replace the loss of vehicle
manufacturing.**

As the City of Greater Geelong puts it in its own advertising material:

"Geelong offers strong advanced manufacturing and engineering expertise, coupled with cutting edge research offered through Deakin University.

We are a practical and highly efficient investment location for defence-related activity, markets, customers and suppliers."

This move towards military production is already underway with Marand operating out of the old Ford factory in Norlane and companies like Chemring in Lara both providing parts for the global F-35 fleet.

Korean firm Hanwha has commenced construction of an armoured vehicle building facility adjacent to Avalon Airport.

Avalon Airport itself has become a centre of militarisation, with the biennial Airshow now the largest military trade fair in the country.

Meanwhile Deakin University is using its own research facilities to market itself to the military industry.

The local Federal Member is now the Defence Minister... and all systems are go to transform Geelong into a major military hub.



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AUSTRALIA BOMBING GAZA

The Australian Government has set itself a target of joining the ranks of the world's top arms exporters.

This policy was introduced by the Liberal Government in 2018 and taken up with gusto by the current ALP one.

A part of the reasoning for this is to rebuild Australia's manufacturing industry which was gutted by the trade laws of the many trade treaties that Australia has become a party to in recent years.

Another part has been the natural tendency of global capital to move towards a war footing to defend and extend its hegemony.

In line with this surge forward, Australia has a series of secrecy laws that make these exports one of the most secretive and opaque arms exports regimes in the world.

The Australian people have no way of finding out what we are selling, where we're selling to and who these weapons are being used on.

We do know that \$13 million of arms exports have been sent to Israel in the last five years.... But what they are is anyone's guess.

We do know however that over 70 Australian companies are involved in manufacturing parts for the F35 Joint Strike Fighter, and that these companies are the sole producer of these parts... for every F35 in the world.

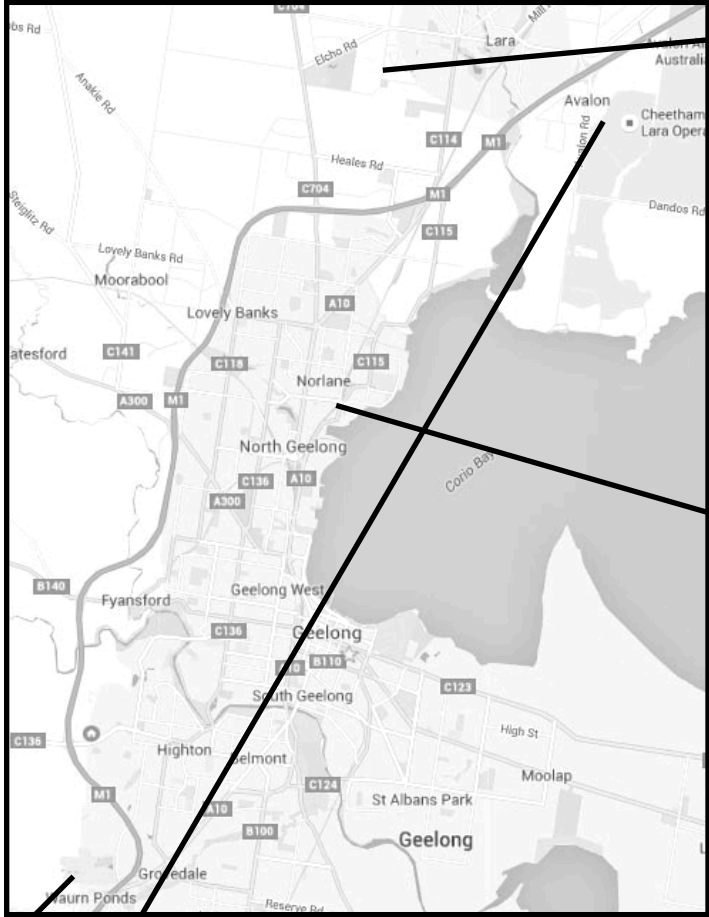
Wherever these F35s are, Australia treats all the parts we make for them as exports to the US, not their end user.

We know that Israel has used their F35 Adair fighters to drop JDAM bombs on Gaza.... boasted about it in fact.

Rather than conjecturing on what may or may not be being sold to Israel, we are listing here the companies in Victoria that we know have made the weapons that are being used to undertake the deliberate and calculated attempt at genocide of Palestinians by Israel and its allies.

This is not an exhaustive list, There are many more arms companies in Melbourne and around the state that are profitting from arms sales to Israel and elsewhere... these are just the ones we know have products being used in the current war crimes taking place in Gaza.

Australia's Military Exports



Chemring
230 Staceys Rd LARA 3212
03 5220 8501
www.chemring.com

Chemring
Group

Chemring make counter measure flares for the global fleet of F-35s
They claim that their Lara factory is "world's most advanced countermeasures manufacturing facility."
In Australia they also produce Naval countermeasures, IED detection devices, ground penetrating radar and electronic warfare systems including the Manpak electronic signal jamming units.

Marand
379 Melbourne Rd NORLANE 3214
(&153 Keys Rd MOORABBIN 3189)
03 8552 0600
www.marand.com.au

MARAND

Marand is the main company within the ASDAM Group which provide over 50% of all Australian made parts for the F-35 global fleet.
In Norlane they produce the engine lifts for the F-35 used all over the world.
They also produce the gun turrets and other sub assemblies for Rheinmetall's Boxer combat vehicle and are collaborating with Norway's Kongsberg Gruppen on a Naval Strike Missile.
They are fast becoming a very important part of Australia's arms industry.

**The above two companies are the only two in Geelong that we can say with absolutely certainty have made parts which have been used this year in the attempted genocide in Gaza.
The companies below are also a part of Australia's weapons export drive.**

Hanwha
Avalon Airport, AVALON 3212
Level 18, 535 Bourke St, Melbourne, VIC 3000, Australia
0477 054 591
www.hanwha.com/en

Hanwha

Hanwha are a major Korean conglomerate which began life as an explosive factory in the 1950s and now is active in everything from mining to shopping centres and life insurance... and military production.

In Geelong they are building a huge new factory at Avalon Airport that will build the Army's new Redback tank along with a self propelled Howitzer artillery system. At the launch of this facility in 2022, Richard Cho, Managing Director of Hanwha Defence Australia claimed that it would "help fulfil contracts in other parts of the world and deliver capacity to engage with Five Eyes nations,"

Quickstep
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Based in Sydney, Quickstep also has its Global Research & Technology Centre facility within Deakin University.
Quickstep produces advanced composite materials for major military manufacturers including Lockheed Martin, Boeing, BAE & Northrop Grumman and Marand.

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UMS have entered into an agreement with Hanwha Australia to provide reconfigurable driving simulators for its armoured vehicles. It is hoped that this contract will assist it in providing similar services to defence vehicle and aircraft manufacturers internationally.