



# CHIEF OF AIR FORCE ORDER OF THE DAY AIR FORCE CENTENARY

31 March 2021 is an extraordinary day for all of us in Air Force.

When our Air Force was founded in 1921, I doubt any involved would comprehend the expanse of achievements 100 years later.

The history of our Air Force has been one of duty, dedication and sacrifice.

More than 350,000 Australians have served in Air Force – and more than 11,000 have died in service. Their commitment and sacrifice will never be forgotten.

We have grown into a potent, world class Air Force which stands ready to deliver air and space power capabilities for the security of Australia and everyone who calls this country home.

Australia, our nation, and the land, sea and skies that we call home is a unique, prosperous and ancient place. It is a nation, a community and a country worth protecting. All who proudly wear the Air Force uniform carry a deep sense of duty to serve our nation, protect its people, and to safeguard its future for the generations that will follow us.

Warrant Officer of the Air Force, Fee Grasby, and I encourage all Air Force members to embrace the spirit of the Centenary and consider how you can tell your own story.

Our Birthday is your day. It is our day.

No matter where you are around Australia or the world, be proud of the 100 year legacy you carry forward today, and into our future.

As we commence our second century, it is our duty to preserve and maintain our enduring commitment to be there for our country and its people: Then. Now. Always.

A pdf copy of this Order of the Day is available at <https://objcdc8/id:BP16116401>.

You can watch my Centenary Video Message:

- on DPN via Objective at <https://objcdc8/id:BN28620429>, or
- off DPN at YouTube [https://youtu.be/RfoHVR\\_TT0k](https://youtu.be/RfoHVR_TT0k).

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