

**Media Advisory**  
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## **PLANS IN PLACE TO MANAGE TRAFFIC TO AFRICA'S PREMIER AIR SHOW**

Thousands of aviation and defence enthusiasts will converge on the Air Force Base Waterkloof for AAD 2016 from the 17th to the 18th September 2016 and organisers have put in place comprehensive plans to manage access and ease the traffic flows.

Regular bus shuttles will operate from park-and-ride facilities, facilities will be located at the Armscor offices in Rigel Avenue, Erasmusrand, at 68 Air School in Snake Valley Road and at the Air Force Base Swartkop west ( Old Air Force Gymnasium) on the Old Johannesburg Road. Shuttle buses will make regular journeys between the parking areas and the venue.

Kevin Wakeford, the CEO of Armscor and lead partner for AAD 2016 has called on visitors to Africa's largest international air show to plan their journeys in advance and make use of the public transport arrangements that will be available.

"We encourage the public to visit the show in large numbers. This is one of the best family outings in Gauteng this year and we hope to attract more than 50 000 people over the show days of Africa Aerospace and Defence 2016.

"We are aware of the impact of such a mass event on communities – especially residents close to AFB Waterkloof and road users – and we are doing our utmost to keep disruptions to a minimum," says Wakeford.

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The show programme that include aerial displays by the Silver Falcons, Gripens and Hawk fighter aircraft will start at 08h00 on the weekend but gates will already open at 06h00.

The main roads that will be affected are Solomon Mahlangu at the R21, Trichardt Road at Kruger Avenue, Veldpou Street at Windswawel street. Only park-and-ride buses will be allowed on Trichardt road Solomon Mahlangu at the officers Mess and there will be partial closures on Solomon Mahlangu and Van Ryneveld Avenue, as well as Smuts and Hans Strydom.

Tshwane Metropolitan Police Department and the National Traffic Police officials will be on duty to manage traffic flow and all closures and detours will be clearly marked. Visitors are advised to access the Show from the Botha Avenue and Rigel Avenue off-ramps on the N1 or Nellmapius Drive on the R21.

An AAD app can be downloaded on App stores to find the GPS coordinates of free available parking and maps are available on the AAD website, [www.aadexpo.co.za](http://www.aadexpo.co.za). Residents living close to the Waterkloof Base are advised to familiarise themselves with the traffic arrangements and road closures and to consider alternative local routes on Saturday and Sunday.

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