



# HARS AVIATION MUSEUM

## February 2016 Newsletter

### OJA's anniversary of arrival

On 8 March 2015, VH-OJA Boeing 747-438 arrived at Illawarra Regional Airport. Tuesday 8 March 2016 marks the first anniversary of the arrival with plans afoot to give her a complete wash down and to have a HARS members' BBQ during that process. The actual dates for this event are still being worked out.

OJA has been responsible for a significant increase in attendance at HARS and the special Premium Tours are becoming popular.



Also, as part of our celebration to mark the first anniversary of the arrival of 747-438 "City of Canberra" at Illawarra Regional Airport, HARS will be holding 747 information seminars for our visitors, each including a Q & A session with flight crew. The sessions will be held during our upcoming Tarmac Days on Friday 11, Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 March 2016.

These seminars will be conducted by pilots who have actually flown the "City of Canberra" and will be held in the business class cabin on the main deck of the aircraft.

Seminar times:

Friday	11:00 and 13:30
Saturday and Sunday	10:30, 12:00 and 13:30

Entry to these sessions is complimentary as part of the usual tarmac day entry fee but registration is essential as places are limited. Register by calling 02 4257 4333 between 9:30 and 3:30.

Don't forget your camera!

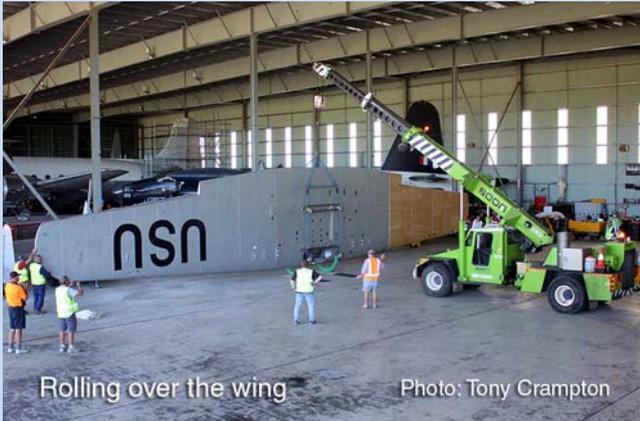
## Neptune for Parkes

On Friday 5 February, the Royal Australian Air Force announced the successful recipients for three retired Air Force heritage aircraft being gifted to Australian historical organisations.

A quote from their media release: *Lockheed SP-2H Neptune A89-272 served with 10 Squadron in the 1960s in a maritime patrol role, and until recently was on display at the entrance to RAAF Base Townsville in north Queensland. This aircraft has been gifted to the Historical Aircraft Restoration Society at the Illawarra Regional Airport for restoration and display at its facility at Parkes in western NSW.*

## Southern Cross Replica Update

A significant milestone was achieved on 8 February when the wing of our Southern Cross replica was rolled over so that the covering could commence on its upper surface.



Rolling over the wing

Photo: Tony Crampton



Upper surface starboard side Photo: Tony Crampton

## Did You Know...

... the atmosphere in an airliner's cabin dries out a person's nose, and the changing air pressure numbs about one third of a person's taste buds? This is one reason for airlines adding lots of spices and salt to their foods. Additionally, tomato juice tastes less acidic in the air.

...travelling by air can shed up to 1.5 litres of water from the body during an average three hour flight?

... 70% of aircraft in service today are over 70% more fuel efficient per seat kilometre than the early jets of the 1960s?

## HARS supporting No 338 (City of Shellharbour) Squadron Australian Air Force Cadets

On Saturday 6 February, 338 Squadron Australian Air Force Cadets' new facility at Illawarra Regional Airport was officially opened by Air Chief Marshall Mark Binskin, AC and Chief of Defence Force. HARS Committee members, Bob De La Hunty, Maureen Massey, Gordon Glynn and Michael Hough were among the official guests at the ceremony.

The HARS C-47 and Caribou aircraft performed a flyover of the facility during the ceremony.



An article on the official opening can be found at:

<http://www.illawarramercury.com.au/story/3711074/shellharbour-air-force-cadets-new-home-photos/?cs=298#slide=1>

## Next Tarmac Days

Upcoming Tarmac Days will be held on 11, 12, 13 March and 8, 9, 10 April 2016. Don't forget the special 747 seminars during our March Tarmac Days (see article above).

## Membership

Are you or a friend interested in joining our tour guide or reception/shop staff ranks? We are actively looking for volunteers to join these areas; lots of laughs and mateship are guaranteed. Maybe you or your partner have a few spare days a month that you would like to contribute to the smooth running of our Museum. Our next information session will be held on Saturday 27 February at 11:00am at the HARS Aviation Museum.

For further information about membership please visit <http://hars.org.au/contact-us/>. Enter 'New Member Enquiries' in the 'Who would you like to contact?' field.



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