



MEDIA RELEASE

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HARS AND WINGS OVER ILLAWARRA 2018

The Historical Aircraft Restoration Society (HARS) was pleased to have been involved as a key participant in Wings Over Illawarra 2018, held last weekend (May 5th & 6th). The event was highly successful, and we take this opportunity to acknowledge and congratulate the efforts of the organisers, Bright Events Pty Ltd.

The event was a deserved success, with a great range of aircraft flying. We saw a very strong Australian Defence Force commitment this year, including the RAAF F/A-18, Hawk 127, P-8A Poseidon (first ever Australian air show appearance), C-17 Globemaster III, Roulettes, Army Blackhawk and RAN Seahawk & MRH-90. We also saw historic warbirds such as Focke-Wulf 190, Spitfire, Hurricane, Mustang, Avenger, and Sabre, all complemented by the spectacular stunt flying of the Paul Bennett Airshow team and Matt Hall.

HARS took the decision this year not to include our aircraft in the flying display, choosing instead to make more aircraft available for public tours. We believe this move was more beneficial to support our operations, as HARS relies entirely on donations and sponsors to support all of its aviation activities. Our WOI 18 visitors provided valuable revenue to HARS in the form of donations from those who chose to inspect the aircraft. The public relations value derived from increased inspections of our heritage aviation collection also cannot be overstated.

Accordingly, HARS had 14 historic aircraft open for inspection, and the rest of its fleet available for close viewing across the full two days of the air show.

For those who are interested in seeing HARS aircraft fly, we have a monthly Tarmac Day sequence organized this coming weekend (Friday-Sunday 11th – 13th May). There will be several HARS aircraft undertaking maintenance flying from the Albion Park airfield during this time.

Flying is always subject to aircraft serviceability, and if the weather is inclement the aircraft will be moved inside the Hangar so that they can be inspected more closely.

Further information on these Tarmac Days

Phone HARS on (02) 4257 4333 between 9:30am and 3:30pm every day, or visit www.hars.org.au

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