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## October 2018 Newsletter

*Australia's Aviation Heritage*



Announcing our  
**2018 TRAVELLERS' CHOICE AWARD.**  
We couldn't have done it without you!

### **HARS a winner in Travellers' Choice Awards!**

TripAdvisor have announced the winners of their 2018 Travellers' Choice Awards and HARS Aviation Museum has won in the following categories:

**Top 10 Museums in Australia**

**Top 25 Museums in the South Pacific**

On behalf of all the hard working volunteers at HARS we would like to thank our valued visitors, without whom we would not have received this award.



# RPT operations to resume at Illawarra Regional Airport

Shellharbour Council have announced Fly Corporate will operate regular public transport (RPT) services from Illawarra Regional Airport commencing 12 November 2018. There will be regular services between Wollongong and Melbourne / Brisbane using Saab 340B, 34 seat turbo prop aircraft.

For further details and to make a booking go to the Fly Corporate website: [www.flycorporate.com.au](http://www.flycorporate.com.au).

To celebrate the recommencement of RPT at Wollongong our November Tarmac Days will be themed for airliners.

## September Tarmac Days

Aircraft on display during the September Tarmac Days were:

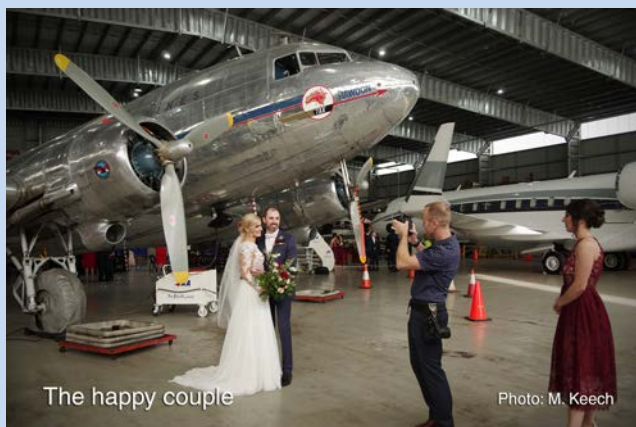
- Auster J-5G Autocar
- Boeing B747-438
- Commonwealth Aircraft Corporation CA-25 Winjeel
- Corby CJ-1 Starlet
- de Havilland DHC-4 Caribou
- de Havilland DHA-3 Drover
- de Havilland DH-82 Tiger Moth
- de Havilland T.35 Vampire
- Douglas C-54E Skymaster
- Douglas DC-3 Dakota
- General Dynamics F-111C
- Government Aircraft Factory III0(F) Mirage
- Grumman S-2G Tracker
- Hawker FGA Mk.74A Hunter
- Lockheed AP-3C Orion
- Lockheed P2V-7 Neptune

Tours of Hangar Three were available throughout the weekend and engine runs were conducted on our ex-French Marine Neptune 566.



## A wedding at HARS

Many times HARS is visited by newly wed couples who want to have their photographs taken around our historic aircraft. On Saturday 1 September the couple chose to have their entire wedding ceremony performed amongst the aircraft in Hangar One with our gorgeous DC-3 'Hawdon' providing the main backdrop! Congratulations to the happy couple.



If you are considering a function at HARS there are many different ways that we can configure the space and position historic aircraft to make a spectacular impact. For more information please contact our Events Manager on 0412 274 411.

## RAAF Maritime Squadrons Association Dinner

HARS' facilities are growing in popularity for a variety of functions and on 8 September the RAAF Maritime Squadrons Association held its annual dinner in an upstairs room in Hangar Two.

Formed during the Golden Jubilee of 10 and 11 Squadrons in 1989 the Association is comprised of members from all the RAAF squadrons that operated aircraft such as the Sunderland, Catalina, Lincoln, Neptune and Orion in the maritime surveillance role.

Speakers at the dinner included HARS President and Chief Pilot, Bob De La Hunty and Professor Michael Hough.



## Australian Aviation Hall of Fame (AAHOF) Dinner

Tickets are now available for the 2018 AAHOF Induction Gala Dinner. This event will take place on Saturday 24 November in the HARS Aviation Museum hangar at Illawarra Regional Airport, Albion Park, NSW. The evening will start at 5.15pm with an aircraft display followed by canapés from 6.00pm and dinner at 6.45pm.

The Australian Aviation Hall of Fame is proud to be inducting four deserving recipients, Dr Rob Lee AO, David Massey-Greene, Ernst Krolke and Sir Rod Eddington AO, and one organisation, Mission Aviation Fellowship Australia, to be recognised for their outstanding contribution in the continued development of aviation.

For more information about AAHOF see their website: [www.aahof.com.au](http://www.aahof.com.au). Tickets for the AAHOF Induction Dinner can be purchased online at: [www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=412220](http://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=412220).



2017 AAHOF Induction Dinner

Photo: M. Keech



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## Did You Know...

...the English Electric Canberra first flew in May 1949? The original design did not include defensive weapons or protective armour for the crew as the aircraft's operating altitude was higher than that of any fighter aircraft or missile of the day (however that was soon to change).

...that 53% of the materials used to build the Airbus A350 passenger aircraft are composites, with aluminium comprising only 19%?

...the Grumman F-14 Tomcat was first deployed by the US Navy in 1974 and was finally withdrawn from service in September 2006? The aircraft was capable of speeds up to Mach 2.2 and, like the General Dynamics F-111, incorporated a variable-sweep wing.

## The Mustang has landed

Commonwealth Aircraft Corporation CA-18 Mustang, A68-110, has arrived at Illawarra Regional Airport! Better known as the Caboolture Mustang and painted in the markings of P-51D, A68-769, the aircraft is visiting HARS for a few weeks enroute to the Warbirds Downunder Airshow at Temora.

Looking immaculate after a major overhaul, the Mustang is available for adventure flights throughout October and into November from our base here in Wollongong. For more information, or to make a booking visit [www.mustangflights.com](http://www.mustangflights.com).



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Photo: I. Poulter

## Warbirds Downunder 2018

A final reminder that Temora Aviation Museum will host Warbirds Downunder on 12 and 13 October 2018.

Warbirds Downunder 2018 will include both an evening airshow on Friday 12 October and a full airshow program on Saturday 13 October.

The full line-up of participating aircraft is available on the website, but it is anticipated Warbirds Downunder 2018 will be the largest gathering of Warbird Aircraft in Australia this year. We are working towards having a good representation of HARS aircraft in attendance, as always.

Tickets are available at: [warbirdsdownunderairshow.com.au](http://warbirdsdownunderairshow.com.au).



## Oz Flight Sim Expo

Another reminder that HARS Aviation Museum will be the venue for Australia's largest flight simulation exhibition in November. Oz Flight Sim Expo will be held over two days on Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 November 2018.

The expo will showcase the latest and greatest in flight simulation technology, with HARS aircraft providing the backdrop for the exhibition. If you are interested in home flight simulation and products, then this expo is a must.

Further details can be found at [www.ozflightsim.com](http://www.ozflightsim.com) or email [info@ozflightsim.com](mailto:info@ozflightsim.com)



## Southern Cross II

In late breaking news a major milestone was achieved in the Southern Cross II project today when the aircraft was placed on its main undercarriage. This year significant progress has been made on the project and to see the aircraft now standing on its wheels and looking very much like an aeroplane is very satisfying for the team. Congratulations to all involved!



Southern Cross II

Photo: M. Keech



Southern Cross II team

Photo: D. Philpott

## Café Connie

Next time you're visiting Illawarra Regional Airport drop in to Café Connie! Breakfast and lunch menus offer a wide selection of both hot and cold food items available at very reasonable prices. The Café's beverage offering features barista coffee with milk shakes, smoothies and soft drinks also available. If you're passing our way, why not drop in for coffee and a chat with our friendly staff, or if you're planning a visit to the museum you can now make a meal of it.



Café Connie

Photo: Mark Keech

## City of Canberra - Boeing 747-438 tours

Our Boeing 747-438, City of Canberra, holds the record as the first and only aircraft to fly from London to Sydney non-stop. We are pleased to offer three different exclusive tours of our 747-438:

### The Wing Walk Experience

Follow in the footsteps of the Hon. Stephen Jones MP and view our 747 from a completely different angle. The walk will take you to about 16 meters (52 feet) along the right wing. With the beautiful Illawarra escarpment in the background, a totally unique picture and experience awaits you. Wing walk times are between 10am and 3pm at a special introductory price of \$65 which includes museum entry.

Please note that fully enclosed, flat (no heels) footwear must be worn. Ladies must wear shorts or pants - please no skirts. This is to facilitate the fitting of a snug safety harness. All wing walks are subject to weather conditions and may not be available on all days.



Stephen Jones MP wing walk

Photo: M. St John



The 747 Cockpit experience

Photo: M. Keech

### **The Total Boeing 747 Experience**

The 747 Premium Tours are very popular with our visitors from all over the World. For just \$195 you can enjoy the complete 747 experience.

Your tour is led by experienced 747 personnel many of whom actually flew and worked on VH-OJA. You will be briefed on every aspect of this historic airliner from its record breaking London to Sydney non-stop flight to the shortest flight from Sydney to Wollongong. Your personal tour guides will explain and answer all of your questions.

This tour commences with a brief audio-visual presentation followed by a tour of the entire aircraft, including the cabin and galleys, crew rest areas, the forward cargo hold and a detailed inspection of the cockpit in the company of an actual 747 captain.

### **The 747 Cockpit Experience**

This Cockpit Tour is conducted by an experienced 747 pilot who will explain the cockpit in detail and will take you through the many procedures required to mount a typical operation. You will experience sitting in the pilots' seats and actually be able to handle the controls. This is an incredible opportunity to experience first-hand what really goes on at the pointy end of these magnificent aircraft.

Bookings are limited to two guests per tour. The cost is \$100.00 per person and is payable at time of booking.



City of Canberra - Boeing 747-438 tours

Photo: Mark Keech

### **Bookings**

Reservations for both tours are strictly limited, therefore book early so as not to be disappointed. Combinations of the various 747 tours are also available at discounted prices. For more information and bookings call 02 4257 4333.

## **Next Tarmac Days**

Upcoming Tarmac Days will be held on 12, 13, 14 October and 9, 10, 11 November 2018.

## 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. An information session for potential new members will be held at 11:00 am on Sunday 7 October and 11:00 am on Sunday 4 November. All are welcome.

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



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