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September 2018 Newsletter

Australia's Aviation Heritage

Parkes Museum Open Days

After the successful handover of our AP-3C Orion in July, Connie has remained in Parkes on display. This has given the good people of the Central West an opportunity to view the aircraft in detail. From Thursday 2 August to Sunday 5 August the museum held open days which also included escorted tours of Connie and the Orion.

Thursday proved to be a very busy day with the museum visited by Mr Philip Donato MP (member of the NSW Legislative Assembly) and Cr Ken Keith OAM (Mayor of Parkes) who were both eager to inspect the progress of our museum and to have a close look at Connie. On Thursdays the museum is also host to a group of student volunteers from Parkes High School who are learning valuable trade skills by assisting with various projects. Mr Donato and Cr Keith were particularly interested in the involvement of these students. These visits, the museum exhibits and the student involvement also attracted much interest from the local media with WIN TV, Prime TV and Channel 9 in attendance to report on events.



Connie at Parkes

Photo: M. Keech



Parkes students meet Deputy PM

Photo: M. Keech

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.

At this dinner four individuals and one organisation will be inducted to the Hall of Fame.

Further information and tickets are available at www.aahof.com.au, or alternatively book online at www.trybooking.com/412220.



August Tarmac Days

Aircraft on display in Hangar One and the adjacent tarmac area were:

- Boeing B747-438, 'City of Canberra'
- Commonwealth Aircraft Corporation CA-25 Winjeel
- Corby CJ-1 Starlet
- de Havilland DHA-3 Drover
- de Havilland DH-82 Tiger Moth
- de Havilland T.35 Vampire
- Douglas C-47B Dakota
- Douglas C-54E Skymaster
- Douglas DC-3 Dakota, 'Hawdon'
- General Dynamics F-111C
- Government Aircraft Factory IIIIO(F) Mirage
- Grumman S-2G Tracker
- Lockheed AP-3C Orion



A special guest on Saturday was a Star Wars favourite, an R2-series droid that provided entertainment for the young and old alike! Aircraft activity included DC-3, 'Hawdon' flying several circuits and ex French Marine Lockheed P2 Neptune 566 conducting engine runs and taxi tests during the weekend.

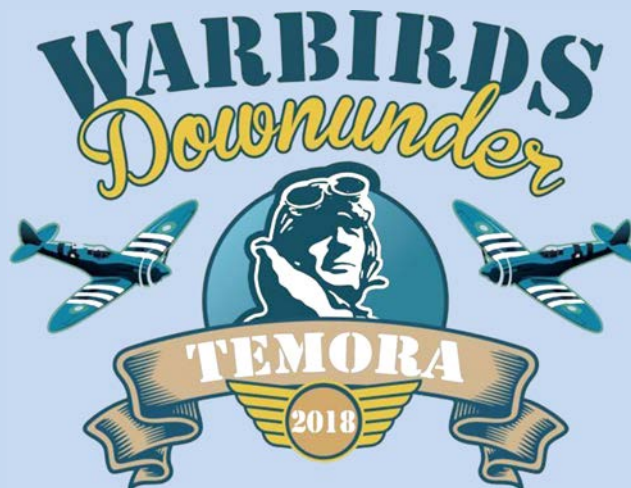
Warbirds Downunder 2018

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 will be published as the date of the airshow approaches, 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: www.warbirdsdownunderairshow.com.au



Mustang flights in Illawarra

An Australian-built Mustang will be visiting Illawarra Regional Airport from September to November on its way to and from the Warbirds Downunder airshow at Temora. During its stay at Wollongong the crew will be offering flights to the public!

The aircraft was built as Commonwealth Aircraft Corporation, CA-18 Mustang, A68-110, but is now painted in the more colourful markings of P-51D, A68-769. It is equipped with a rear seat to carry one passenger and I can say from firsthand experience that a ride in this machine is truly a once in a lifetime experience (though I will probably have another go while it's in town!)

The Mustang which is based in Caboolture, QLD, is expected to arrive on about 27 September and depart after the November Tarmac Days (9, 10, 11 November), subject to weather and serviceability. Except for the Temora weekend, passenger flights will be available most days during its stay and some of the ferry sectors will be available to purchase as well. For more information, or to make a booking visit <https://www.mustangflights.com/>.



Mustang on a previous visit

Photo: M. Keech

Oz Flight Sim Expo

HARS Aviation Museum will be the venue for the 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 back drop 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 or email info@ozflightsim.com



Did You Know...

...the world's largest ever aircraft measured by wingspan is the Stratolaunch? Scheduled to fly in 2019 it has a wingspan of 117 metres which is more than 37 metres longer than an Airbus A380!

...the Saunders-Roe SR.A/1 was an experimental British jet powered flying boat fighter? Only three prototypes were built with the first flight taking place in 1947. The 'squirt', as it was colloquially known, was considered obsolete once all of its teething problems were resolved and the program was cancelled in 1951.

...the first aircraft to be fitted with an ejection seat was the prototype Heinkel He 280 jet fighter? In January 1942 Luftwaffe pilot, Helmut Schenk became the first person to escape from a stricken aircraft when he ejected from a He 280.

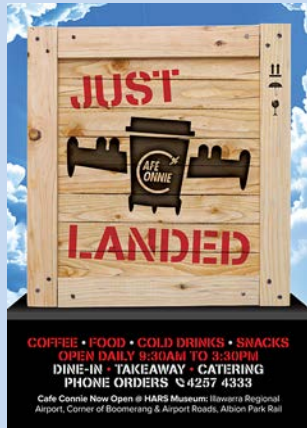
Southern Cross Progress

This month has seen the engine nacelles attached to the wings of the Southern Cross project. With the nacelles in place the landing gear and engines can now be attached. The wheels have been retrieved from storage and, after five years, still retain their pressure!



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.



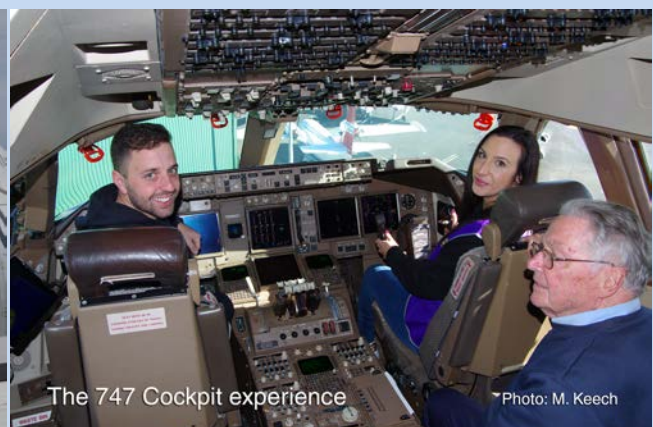
City of Canberra - Boeing 747-438 tours

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.



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

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 14, 15, 16 September and 12, 13, 14 October 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 2 September and 11:00 am on Sunday 7 October. 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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