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November 2018 Newsletter

Australia's Aviation Heritage



RPT operations to resume at Illawarra Regional Airport

Shellharbour Council have announced that Fly Corporate will operate regular passenger transport (RPT) services from Illawarra Regional Airport commencing 12 November 2018. Using SAAB 340B, 34 seat turbo prop aircraft, Fly Corporate will connect the Illawarra Region with Melbourne and Brisbane.

During the Tarmac weekend of 9 to 11 November, HARS will mark the resumption of RPT services by displaying eight classic aircraft which opened up the skies for Australians. On Sunday 11 November, the HARS aircraft on display will be joined by one of Fly Corporate's SAAB 340's.

HARS aircraft on display will include former Qantas Boeing 747-438, City of Canberra, Lockheed C-121C Super Constellation, ex TAA Douglas DC-3, 'Hawdon', Convair CV-440, Fokker F27-500 Friendship, a Douglas C-54E Skymaster, de Havilland DHA-3 Drover and the still under restoration but soon to fly again, Southern Cross II.

For further details on passenger services go to the Fly Corporate website: www.flycorporate.com.au



75th Anniversary of ARDU

This year is 75th anniversary of the formation of the Royal Australian Air Force Aircraft Research and Development Unit (ARDU) which was established in its current form in 1943. Originally having detachments in NSW, Queensland and Victoria, it is now based entirely at RAAF Base Edinburgh in South Australia. The unit was formed to conduct flight trials of new RAAF aircraft and system modifications and, during the war, performance testing of captured enemy aircraft.

Both of our Douglas C-47B Dakota aircraft ended their careers in service with ARDU and we have retained the ARDU markings on one of them. On Tuesday 23 October a current ARDU F/A-18B and PC-9 were flown in formation with our Dakota, A65-94, over Nowra to celebrate this 75th anniversary. With all three aircraft displaying the ARDU insignia on the tail it was a very unique formation indeed!



October Tarmac Days

Aircraft on display during the October Tarmac Days were:

- Auster J-5G Autocar
- Boeing B747-438, City of Canberra
- Corby CJ-1 Starlet
- de Havilland DHA-3 Drover
- de Havilland DH-82 Tiger Moth
- both de Havilland T.35 Vampires
- Fokker F27-500 Friendship
- General Dynamics F-111C
- Government Aircraft Factory III0(F) Mirage
- Grumman S-2G Tracker
- Lockheed P2V-7 Neptune

Neptune 566 (ex French Marine) conducted engine and taxi tests during the weekend.

Those visiting on the Sunday were treated to the arrivals of the Catalina and Caribou after their trip to the Warbirds Downunder Airshow at Temora.

Warbirds Downunder 2018

Two HARS aircraft, our Consolidated PBV-6A Catalina and one of our de Havilland DHC-4 Caribou attended the Warbirds Downunder Airshow at Temora on 12-13 October.

In well-orchestrated formations with contemporary aircraft, the Catalina flew in the 'Coastal Patrol' segment of the display and the Caribou participated in the 'Vietnam Formation'.

The HARS Souvenir Shop was well attended making good sales over the two days. With an attendance of around 22,000 people over the two days, the HARS merchandise was much sought after generating welcome revenue to help keep our aircraft flying.



Catalina receives a new nose turret

The HARS Catalina recently received a new nose turret.

Our Catalina is a PBY-6A but was fitted with the nose turret from a PBY-5A, which incorporated a single .30 calibre machine gun. Coincidentally, PIMA Air and Space Museum in Tucson, Arizona had a PBY-5A that was fitted with the turret from a PBY-6A.

Armed with this knowledge the HARS Catalina crew successfully negotiated an exchange of turrets and now, our Catalina is fitted with the correct 'eyeball' turret with twin .30 calibre machine guns.



Oz Flight Sim Expo

A final 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 <http://www.ozflightsim.com> or email info@ozflightsim.com



Australian Aviation Hall of Fame (AAHOF) Dinner

Tickets are still available for the 2018 AAHOF Induction Gala Dinner which 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: aahof.com.au. Tickets for the AAHOF Induction Dinner can be purchased online at: www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=412220&.

Did You Know...

...Singapore Airlines recently regained the crown for the world's longest scheduled commercial flight? Using Airbus A350-900 ULR aircraft non-stop flights are made between Singapore and New York and return, with the nominal distance being 8,285 nautical miles.

...the world's shortest scheduled passenger flight is between Westray and Papa Westray in the Orkney Islands? The flight is operated by Loganair with a scheduled flight time of two minutes.

...Qantas has launched Project Sunrise which has the aim of identifying and acquiring aircraft which can fly non-stop Sydney to London or Sydney to New York by 2022? This would see the crown of the longest scheduled flight return to Qantas. Potential aircraft are derivatives of the Airbus A350 or Boeing 777X.

Mustang adventure flights

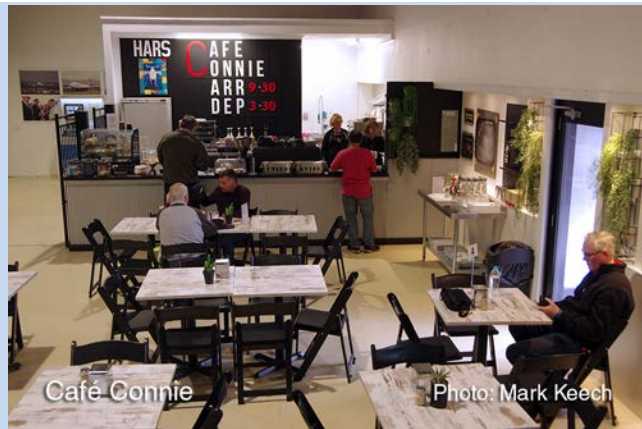
Commonwealth Aircraft Corporation CA-18 Mustang, A68-110 has returned to HARS after attending Warbirds Downunder. The aircraft is available for adventure flights from Illawarra Regional Airport until approximately mid-November.

For more information or bookings visit www.mustangflights.com.



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.



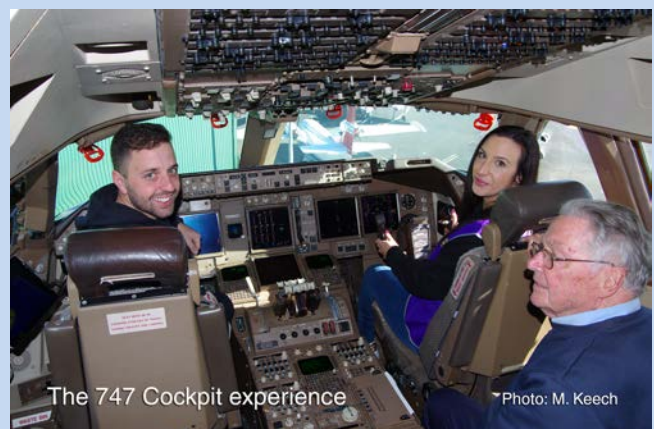
City of Canberra - Boeing 747-438 tours

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.



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 9, 10, 11 November and 14, 15, 16 December 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 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.

HARS Aviation Museum

HARS Aviation Museum is open every day except Christmas Day between 9:30 am and 3:30 pm at:
Illawarra Regional Airport
54 Airport Road
Albion Park Rail NSW 2527
Tel: +61 2 4257 4333

HARS Aviation Museum is now also open at Parkes on Thursdays and Sundays between 9:30 am and 3:30 pm at:
Parkes Airport
Muzyczuk Drive
Parkes NSW 2870



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