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CLASSIC AIRCRAFT OPEN & OPERATING FOR JANUARY TARMAC DAYS

Visitors can step inside Australian aviation history when HARS Aviation Museum stages the first of 2019's monthly tarmac days on Friday-Sunday 11-13 January at Illawarra Regional Airport at Albion Park.

A special family package of just \$45 applies to tarmac days for two adults and up to four children aged up to 15.

The HARS Aviation Museum guides open aircraft for inspection including the iconic Super Constellation "Connie" plus their Boeing 747-400 jumbo, an F-111 and Neptune bombers, Caribou, Dakotas and more.

Visitors will be welcome to board Connie, to experience how passengers and crew felt as Qantas used 16 of these aircraft to establish around-the-world services over 60 years ago.

It took Historical Aircraft Restoration Society (HARS) volunteers more than four years to restore the former US Air Force Lockheed C-121C Connie so she could be flown to Australia after they found her in a decrepit condition in an aircraft boneyard in the Arizona desert back in 1990.

Over the tarmac days visitors can book on arrival to "walk the wing" on this Boeing 747 which is still the only commercial aircraft ever to fly non-stop from London to Sydney on its inaugural 20hr 9m delivery flight for Qantas.

It's the invitation to step inside these aircraft that stands HARS Aviation Museum apart from any other Australian aircraft collection.

Plus, on the Saturday and Sunday it's planned to have engine runs for the Connie, AP-3C Orion, three-engine Drover, a Dakota and the Convair 440 ... a true operational experience.

Recently retired from RAAF duty, the museum's AP-3C will be Australia's the only former defence Orion maintained to continue flying.

The museum's acclaimed Café Connie is open for barista coffee plus a breakfast and lunch menu with a wide variety of hot and cold food at very reasonable prices ... so when visiting HARS Aviation Museum you can make a meal of it.

(caption) The former RAAF Orion is a feature of January tarmac days at HARS Aviation Museum.

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