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CLASSIC CONNIE AND MORE AVIATION HISTORY TO FLY AT FEBRUARY TARMAC DAYS

Fri-Sat 8-10 February 2019

Visitors to HARS Aviation Museum will get a wonderful opportunity to see the world's only flying Lockheed Super Constellation take to the air during this coming Tarmac Days at Illawarra Regional Airport at Albion Park.

The Tarmac Days for February will be held from Friday to Sunday 8-10 February.

Subject to operational conditions, HARS Aviation Museum is set to fly these classic aircraft:

- Super Constellation "Connie" on Friday afternoon and Saturday middle of the day;
- De Havilland Drover on Saturday middle of the day;
- Dakota C47 Friday and Saturday afternoon.

It took volunteers from the Historical Aircraft Restoration Society (HARS) 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.

When not flying, Connie will be open for inspection so visitors can see the style in which Qantas used 16 of the long-range Super Constellations in the 1950s to pioneer around the world services.

The Drover was the last of only 20 designed and built by De Havilland Aircraft Company at Bankstown and first flew in 1951.

American designed and built by Douglas Aircraft, more than 16,000 Dakotas (US C47 Skytrain) were produced and during World War II served as a strong and rugged troop, cargo transport aircraft.

Over the February Tarmac Days the museum's volunteer guides will welcome visitors to step into Australia's aviation heritage, actually inside some of more than 40 aircraft on show.

These still-flying aircraft bear testament to the dedication of HARS voluntary members to preserve Australia's aviation heritage, operational where possible, for the benefit of future generations.

Plus, the immaculate Bell 47 M.A.S.H. style helicopter will at HARS Aviation Museum to conduct spectacular joy flights – offering a unique way to view the Illawarra.

Apart from Christmas Day, HARS Aviation museum is open from 9.30 to 3.30 daily for visitors, and groups, to see and sit in many of more than 40 aircraft on display.

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

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Connie, the Super Constellation mascot of HARS Aviation Museum, is scheduled to fly during the February Tarmac Days at Illawarra Regional Airport.

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