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## January 2019 Newsletter

*Australia's Aviation Heritage*



### Happy New Year!

The Committee and members of HARS wish all our subscribers a safe, healthy and prosperous new year.

For HARS, 2019 holds the promise of more exciting developments at our two museums – HARS Aviation Museum at Illawarra Regional Airport and HARS Aviation Museum Parkes at Parkes airport in western NSW. Projects underway include:

#### John Travolta's Boeing 707-138

Progress toward bringing this historic aircraft to Australia has been slowed by some complex regulatory requirements to enable the aircraft to fly both in the USA and Australia. However, this is still very much an active HARS project and it is hoped significant progress will be made in 2019.

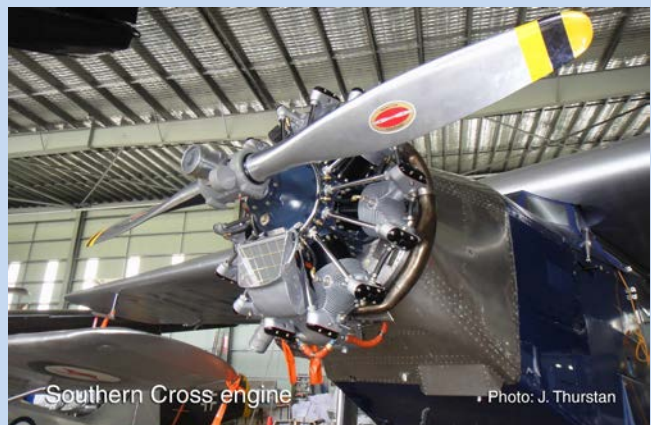
#### Southern Cross II restoration

As readers of this newsletter would be aware, there has been an enormous amount of progress on this restoration in 2018. The last major pieces of work to be completed include installation of the two under wing engines and testing and certification of the aircraft. This work should be completed this year enabling the aircraft to return to flying status.



The Travolta 707-138

Photo: N. MacKay



Southern Cross engine

Photo: J. Thurstan

#### Fokker F27 Friendship

The flight from New Zealand to Australia of our second Fokker F27 is imminent. There have been some delays due to weather and pilot availability, but once these two factors can be aligned the aircraft will transfer to Australia. Ultimately one of the aircraft will be transferred to our Parkes museum with the other remaining at Illawarra Regional Airport.

#### HARS Aviation Museum Parkes

As noted above the Parkes museum is soon to receive a Fokker F27 Friendship. Other plans for 2019 include completion of restoration to static display of P2V-7 Neptune A89-272 and reassembly for static display of Neptune P2V-5 A89-302, which was recently recovered from RAAF Base Williams at Point Cook in Victoria.



Fokker F27 Friendship in NZ

Photo: M. Keech



HARS Aviation Museum Parkes

Photo: M. Keech

## 2018 the year in review

Some of the achievements and noteworthy events for HARS Aviation Museum in 2018 include:

- de Havilland DHA-3 Drover returned to airworthy condition,
- Lockheed AP-3C Orion, A9-759 handed over to the HARS Aviation Museum Parkes,
- The first of two Fokker F27 Friendships was ferried across the Tasman to Illawarra Regional Airport,
- T.35 Vampire A79-637 received its overhauled de Havilland Goblin engine. The goal of this project is to return this Vampire to airworthy condition,
- Significant progress on restoration of Fokker Trimotor “Southern Cross II” with the wing, undercarriage, horizontal stabilizers, rudder and one engine installed,
- Oz Flight Sim Expo held at HARS Aviation Museum. This was particularly successful, and the organisers intend to make HARS their venue for future expos,
- HARS Aviation Museum wins Travellers Choice Awards for top 10 museums in Australia and top 25 in the South Pacific,
- HARS successfully tendered for the RAN Historic Flight aircraft collection, a welcome addition to our collection with many historic aircraft included.



Parkes Orion Handover

Photo: M. Keech



Wessex from RAN Historic Flight

Photo: M. Hough

## Aircraft activity in December

Several aircraft were active during December. The de Havilland DHA-3 Drover conducted training flights on a number of occasions after some minor maintenance work. Douglas C-47B Dakota, A65-094 made a flight to HMAS Albatross, Nowra and high speed taxi runs were performed by our Lockheed AP-3C Orion, A9-753 and P2V-7 Neptune, A89-273.

## December Tarmac Days

Aircraft on display in Hangar 1 and adjacent tarmac area were:

- Boeing B747-438, City of Canberra
- Commonwealth Aircraft Corporation CA-25 Winjeel
- Corby CJ-1 Starlet
- de Havilland DH-82 Tiger Moth

- de Havilland T.35 Vampire
- Douglas C-47B Dakota
- Douglas DC-3 Dakota, Hawdon
- English Electric T Mk.4 Canberra
- Fokker F27-500 Friendship
- General Dynamics F-111C
- Grumman S-2G Tracker
- Lockheed C-121C Super Constellation
- Lockheed P2V-7 Neptune

As usual tours of Hangar Three were available throughout the weekend.

## Airshows for 2019

2019 promises to be a big year for Australian Air Shows. Some of the upcoming events in the first half year are:

- Australian International Airshow, 1 to 3 March at Avalon Airport in Victoria,
- Wings over Illawarra, 4 and 5 May at Illawarra Regional Airport,
- Rathmines Catalina Festival, 19 May.

As always HARS participation in any of these events is subject to serviceability of our aircraft with safety being our primary focus.

## Did You Know...

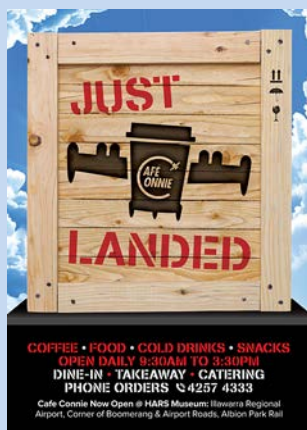
...the Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird holds the record for flying from New York City to London? The flight took 1 hour 54 minutes and 56.4 seconds, flying at an average speed of Mach 2.68. The record was set on 1 September 1974 and has not been broken.

...in 1929 the German airship Graf Zeppelin completed a circumnavigation of the globe in 21 days, 5 hours and 31 minutes?

...Alaskan was the first airline to introduce internet based online check-in in 1999?

## 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

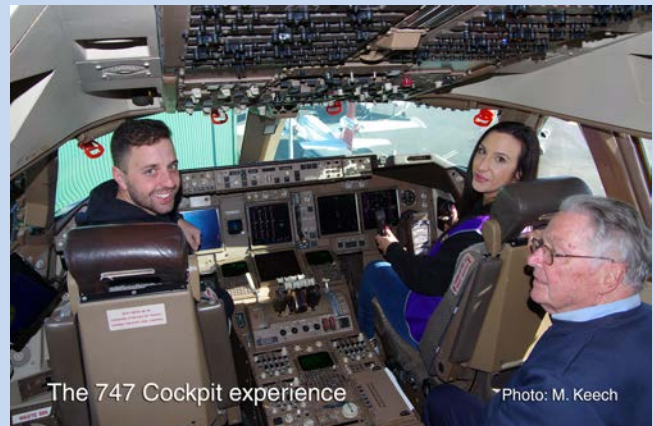
Our Boeing 747-438, City of Canberra, holds the record as the first and only aircraft to fly from London to Sydney

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

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 11, 12, 13 January and 8, 9, 10 February 2019.

## 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 6 January. 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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