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May 2019 Newsletter

Australia's Aviation Heritage



Wings Over Illawarra

Wings Over Illawarra, The Sydney Airshow is on this weekend and, with visiting aircraft from the RAAF, RAN, Temora Aviation Museum and many more, promises to be bigger than ever! Many HARS aircraft will be on display and open to the public, entry being included in the airshow ticket price this year. It's not too late to secure your tickets, visit <https://www.wingsoverillawarra.com.au/>



4 - 5 MAY 2019

Illawarra Regional Airport, Albion Park
Gates open 9am | See website for details

WINGS OVER ILLAWARRA 2019 - FULL SITE PLAN



ANZAC Day 2019

As the largest operator of ex-RAAF aircraft HARS has always been a major contributor to the ANZAC Day commemorations. This year was no exception with the Dakota and Caribou aircraft flying over a ceremony at Albion Park on Sunday 21 April.



Caribou over Shellharbour march

Photo: M. Keech



ANZAC Day in Shellharbour

Photo: M. Keech



ANZAC Day in Sydney

Photo: M. Keech



Returning to base

Photo: M. Keech

On ANZAC Day itself the Dakota and Caribou were joined by the Neptune for a pass over the Shellharbour and Wollongong ceremonies before the Neptune broke off and covered Kangaroo Valley while the Dakota and Caribou flew to Sydney. Cronulla was the first of the Sydney ceremonies to be flown over while clearance was being obtained for the HARS formation to enter the city and fly over Elizabeth Street for the main ANZAC Day march in Sydney.

Stephen Jones MP visits HARS

HARS was visited on 18 April by two well known local politicians. Stephen Jones MP is the sitting member for the Federal seat of Whitlam and John Murray is the Deputy Lord Mayor of Shellharbour. Stephen Jones has long been a supporter of HARS and, in the lead up to the Federal election came with promises of cash. A Federal Labor Government would help fund a new \$1.5 million hangar to house the Southern Cross, as well as some of our other fabric covered aircraft, matching a \$750,000 commitment from private sponsorship.



Stephen Jones MP and Bob De La Hunty

Photo: M. Keech



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HARS was also visited by Senator Jim Molan AO and Shellharbour Councillor Kellie Marsh.

April Tarmac Days

Our April Tarmac Days were visited by a larger number of guests than usual making the days a very successful showcase of our aircraft. Aircraft on display in Hangar One and the adjacent tarmac area were:

- Boeing B747-438
- Cessna C-310B
- Commonwealth Aircraft Corporation CA-25 Winjeel
- Corby CJ-1 Starlet
- de Havilland DHA-3 Drover
- de Havilland T.35 Vampire
- Douglas DC-3 Dakota
- General Dynamics F-111C
- Government Aircraft Factory IIIO(F) Mirage
- Grumman S-2G Tracker
- Lockheed AP-3C Orion
- Lockheed C-121C Super Constellation

Our focus has been to try and conduct more flying activities during Tarmac Days and this weekend saw Neptune A89-273 conducting test flights while the Dakota and Caribou performed the first of the scheduled ANZAC Day flights.



Sea Fury on the move

As we reported back in our December issue, HARS Aviation Museum was successful in our bid to acquire the collection of the RAN Historic Flight. We are now in the process of relocating the aircraft from HMAS Albatross near Nowra to our Illawarra Regional Airport facility so that they can be better conserved. Many of the smaller items have already been moved and now it's onto the larger aircraft.

On Friday 26 April, after months of planning, the Hawker Sea Fury was loaded onto our semi trailer and made the journey by road to Albion Park.



Sea Fury on the move

Photo: M. Keech



Sea Fury at HARS

Photo: M. Keech

In the coming months one of the Grumman S-2G Trackers will be flown up while another Tracker and a Dakota will be moved by road.

Did You Know...

...the first DC-3 to enter commercial service in Australia arrived at Essendon airport on 9 September 1937? It operated with Airlines of Australia, which was part of Australian National Airways.

...the Tupolev TU-95 (code named by NATO as the "Bear") entered service with the Soviet Union in 1956 and is expected to serve with Russian Aerospace Forces until at least 2040? The aircraft has four turboprop engines each fitted with twin contra-rotating propellers.

...Qantas received its first Boeing 707-138, registered VH-EBA in June 1959?

HARS 707 project update

The most frequent question to HARS Aviation Museum these days is, "What is happening with John Travolta's 707?" The short answer is that HARS now owns the aircraft and is committed to bringing it back to Australia, hopefully by the end of the year.

The 707 is currently located in Brunswick, Georgia and, while it is in excellent condition, will need some maintenance to be completed before it can be flown. Our maintenance teams recently visited the site and are planning how the work will be done. We are also actively negotiating with the regulators both here and in the US to obtain the necessary clearances to make the ferry flight. Flight planning has also commenced.

All of this has a cost in both money and time and we are extremely grateful for the generous support of Bendigo Bank for helping us to get to where we are now. We will keep you informed of the progress of this iconic project as we intend to hold a spectacular event when the aircraft finally arrives at Illawarra Regional Airport!

Next Tarmac Days

Upcoming Tarmac Days will be held on 10, 11, 12 May and 14, 15, 16 June 2019.

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.



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 12 May. 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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