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SANTA FLIES IN FOR KIDS PHOTOS AT HARS AVIATION MUSEUM (Sat 14 & Sun 15)

Kids of all ages are in for a treat when Santa flies into HARS Aviation Museum this weekend (Eds: Sat 14 & Sun 15 Dec).

Adults and carers taking guided tours of the more than 40 historical aircraft on display are invited to get their photos and selfies with Santa at the museum at Shellharbour Airport.

Santa is set to fly in on a helicopter on Saturday at midday.

He will be on photo call on both Saturday and Sunday from midday to 2 pm at a massive Boeing 747 engine cowl.

A sausage sizzle will be added to the menu at the museum's Café Connie to mark the occasion.

The addition of Santa and the selfie photo opportunity is a special bonus during December Tarmac Days at HARS Aviation Museum this coming Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

With Qantas planning to retire its remaining Boeing 747-400 "Jumbo jets" over the next year, visitors to the HARS Aviation Museum can continue this onboard experience on a unique record-setting "Queen of the Skies".

The "City of Canberra" which dominates Shellharbour Airport holds two records – the longest and shortest delivery flights in Qantas history.

Thirty years ago the jet which is open for inspection by all visitors to HARS Aviation Museum set a world record in flying 18,001 km non-stop from London to Sydney in a time of 20hr 9min.

Because of its record flight, and being the first Boeing 747-400 to enter service with Qantas, on its retirement in 2015 the airline donated it to the Historical Aircraft Restoration Society (HARS).

Thousands watched the massive four-engine jet land at Shellharbour – an airport normally too small to accommodate a huge Boeing 747 – after an 11-minute flight from Sydney Airport which made it the shortest delivery flight ever by Qantas.

The record-setting Queen of the Skies, as Boeing 747s were dubbed when they first flew 50 years ago, and other historic airliners, will be on show for the December Tarmac Days at HARS Aviation Museum.

On Tarmac (and other) Days you can drop into Café Connie from 9.30 am where breakfast and lunch menus offer a wide selection of hot and cold foods at very reasonable prices.

The Café's beverage offering features barista coffee with milk shakes, smoothies and soft drinks. If you're passing 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.

Details at www.hars.org.au

(captions)

Santa at the Boeing 747-400 on display at HARS Aviation Museum.

While Qantas retires its remaining "Queen of the Skies" Jumbo jets, the record-setting Boeing 747-400 offers a unique visitor experience at HARS Aviation Museum. Mark Mennie photo.

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