

TRAINS AND PLANES SUNDAY



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TRAINS AND PLANES SUNDAY Prepare for take-off and open the regulator as interactive museums combine for a new event on Sunday 16 February

HARS Aviation Museum and the Illawarra Light Railway Museum are combining to put on their first-ever joint day of fun and adventure for all the family.

Visitors will be able to ride the trains at Illawarra Light Rail Museum and then see the planes at HARS Aviation Museum all in one day with a free shuttle bus between the museums on Sunday 16 February.

Trains and Planes Sunday is a new event hosted by the dedicated volunteers at both locations to showcase their step into the romance of travel in a bygone age complete with aircraft engine runs and rides behind a working locomotive from Australia's industrial railways.

Prepare for take-off, set the road then wind the clock back into those grand old days of historical aircraft and trains.

It's a unique opportunity for train travel, aircraft tours, car and vintage farm machinery displays combined through travel between the popular museums on a free shuttle bus.

Visitors will pay full price for their first museum of choice then receive a 20 per cent discount to the second museum for this day only linked by a free-of-charge shuttle bus between the museums at Albion Park Rail, beside Shellharbour Airport to make a great day out.

From 9.30 to 3.30 visitors can come to the HARS Aviation museum and have a guided tour to look over amazing aircraft like the Lockheed Super Constellation Connie and the famous world record setting 747-400 jumbo and the rest of those planes. Maybe you may want to sit in the cockpit of an F111 or walk through a DC-3 or a Caribou, or even climb all over one of the long-range surveillance Neptunes.

Due to bush fire risk Illawarra Light Rail Museum will operate diesel power, featuring the locomotive Shellharbour that was locally named but had worked at Tully Sugar in North Queensland as Tully Number 8 on the locomotive roster as part of the Australian sugar cane industry.

The secondary ride is the miniature railway that is operated by a miniature version 7/14-inch diesel Strathalbyn 2 that was modelled off a Queensland sugar cane locomotive.

As there are two train rides on the day is visitors can catch the train from the main platform that houses the former 1890 Yallah Station and also look inside the 1915 signal box from Otford and have a guided tour of the locomotive shed that houses a great collection of locomotives and rolling stock from industrial tramways, coal mines and sugar cane industries.

Visitors young and old can look around the museum and see artefacts on display in the Ken McCarthy Museum Building.

Food sales are available at Café Connie and the Tramway Dining Car at the Illawarra Light Railway Museum.

HARS Aviation Museum is located at 54 Airport Road Albion Park Rail, just off the Princes Highway on eastern side of Shellharbour Airport.

Illawarra Light Railway Museum is located at 48A Tongarra Road Albion Park, on the southern side of Shellharbour Airport.

Details at www.hars.org.au and at www.ilrms.com.au

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Former sugar cane locomotive Shellharbour pulls in for a memorable train ride experience at Illawarra Light Rail Museum.

A unique visitor experience at HARS Aviation Museum is the record-breaking former Qantas Boeing 747-400.

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