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March 2021 Newsletter

Australia's Aviation Heritage

Royal Australian Air Force centenary

Although it had its origins in the First World War with the Australian Flying Corps, the Australian Air Force was not formally formed until March 1921, becoming the Royal Australian Air Force in August of that year. Squadrons of the Royal Australian Air Force have served in many conflicts from that time including the Second World War, the Korean War, various tasks during the Cold War, the Malayan Emergency, the Vietnam War, East Timor and the recent conflicts in the Middle East.

On 31 March 2021, the Royal Australian Air Force will mark its centenary with a mass flypast over Canberra. This will be the largest flypast the Air Force has conducted in decades - a rare and exciting opportunity to see a wide range of current and historic military aircraft!



More than 60 aircraft will fly in waves over Lake Burley Griffin from 10:30 am and this spectacular flypast will culminate with a full display by the Roulettes aerobatic team.

HARS Aviation Museum will be a major participant in this event with a number of our ex-RAAF historic aircraft

programmed to participate in the flypast.



HARS PBY-6A Catalina

Photo: M. Keech



HARS P2V-7 Neptune

Photo: M. Keech

If you cannot travel to Canberra, you can enjoy the flypast through ABC TV's live outside broadcast, commencing at 10 am local time. More details can be found at the Air Force centenary [website](#).

MG car club visit

On Sunday 21 February the Sydney MG Car Club visited HARS Aviation Museum.

Over 25 MG cars were parked under our Boeing 747, 'City of Canberra', with the club members enjoying a catered lunch from Café Connie and a tour of the museum.

Some of the vehicles were manufactured as early as the 1930's and have been restored to pristine condition by their devoted owners.

February Tarmac Days

The February Tarmac Days were particularly busy with many of our aircraft on display on the airport aprons as part of the official opening of the new Shellharbour airport terminal. Additionally some aircraft were given engine ground runs and a few took to the skies. Notable events over the weekend include:

- The return to flight of our de Havilland DH-82A Tiger Moth
- The appearance of our Bell UH-1B Iroquois which flew in from Nowra
- de Havilland DHC-4 Caribou A4-210 flew on some of the days
- Douglas C-47B Dakota A65-94 conducted a local flight
- Grumman S-2G Tracker 844 conducted engine ground runs
- Lockheed C-121C Super Constellation also conducted engine ground runs



HARS Tiger Moth

Photo: H. Mitchell



HARS Dakota

Photo: H. Mitchell



HARS Iroquois

Photo: M. Keech



Connie engine run

Photo: M. Keech

On display on the tarmac were

- Commonwealth Aircraft Corporation CA-27 Sabre
- de Havilland DHC-4 Caribou
- Douglas C-47B Dakota
- Douglas C-54E Skymaster
- English Electric T Mk.4 Canberra
- Fokker F27-500 Friendship
- Lockheed AP-3C Orion
- Lockheed C-121C Super Constellation



Terminal opening

Photo: M. Keech



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In Hangar One, aircraft on display were:

- Commonwealth Aircraft Corporation CA-9 Wirraway
- Corby CJ-1 Starlet
- de Havilland DHA-3 Drover
- de Havilland DH-82A Tiger Moth
- de Havilland T.35 Vampire
- General Dynamics F-111C
- Government Aircraft Factory III(F) Mirage
- Grumman S-2E Tracker
- Grumman S-2G Tracker
- Hawker FB.11 Sea Fury
- Mikoyan-Gurevich MiG-21UM Mongol-B

Trains and Planes Sunday

As part of our March Tarmac Days HARS Aviation Museum is once again partnering with the Illawarra Light Rail Museum (ILRMS) to jointly host Trains and Planes Sunday. This will be the second such day, after a highly successful trial in 2020.

Ride the steam and miniature trains at Illawarra Light Rail Museum and tour the aircraft at the HARS Aviation Museum. An additional special treat on the day, will be the historical Kiama Picnic steam train making a stop at

Albion Park Station on its way to Kiama.

Transport between ILRMS, HARS and Albion Park Station will be provided by a dedicated shuttle bus.



More information can be found at the ILRMS web site: ilrms.com.au, HARS website: hars.org.au and the Kiama Picnic Train: picnictrain.com.au.

Wings Over Illawarra

What a year 2020 was with every air show being cancelled! Hopefully though, 2021 will be better with many of the postponed air shows coming back to life. Wings Over Illawarra is now scheduled to be held on 13 and 14 November 2021 at Shellharbour Airport and is anticipated to be bigger and better than ever being held during the RAAF centenary year.

Details can be found at: wingsoverillawarra.com.au

HARS Aviation Museum on YouTube

For some time now HARS Aviation Museum has had a presence on the video sharing platform YouTube. Many of the museum's activities are captured on video by our members and visitors and it is helpful for the promotion of the museum. The way YouTube works is the more a video is viewed, the more it will be promoted by YouTube so you can help by watching our videos, and you might just be entertained at the same time! Also, if you have some video of our activities you would like the world to see simply tag it with #harsaviationmuseum when you upload it to any social media.

The most popular videos can be seen by following this link or clicking on the YouTube icon at the bottom of each newsletter:



Did You Know...

...the Australian Air Force was formed on 31 March 1921? The prefix 'Royal' was not added until 31 August 1921, after being approved by King George V.

...the first independent air force (independent of other armed services) in the world was the Royal Air Force? The Royal Australian Air Force was the third independent air force, being formed shortly after the South African Air Force.

...that Point Cook was the RAAF's only airbase until 1925 when RAAF Base Richmond and RAAF Base Laverton were built? Point Cook is still classified as a military airfield making it the oldest continuously operated military airfield in the world!

Aviation anecdotes

“In soloing, as in other activities, it is far easier to start something than it is to finish it.” - Amelia Earhart.

City of Canberra - Boeing 747-438 tours

We are now able to accept bookings for premium tours of our Boeing 747-438 'City of Canberra'.

Wing Walk Experience

This tour will take you about 16 meters (52 feet) out along the right wing of the 747 where your guide will explain many aspects of the aircraft components and operation. Wing Walk times are between 10am and 3pm for the price of \$70, which includes museum entry.

The Total Boeing 747 Experience

This tour includes 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 a 747 expert. The tour duration is approximately 4 hours with a personalised tour to the full HARS museum also included in the tour. The tour is priced at \$200 per person with a maximum of 4 persons per tour.



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. Bookings are limited to two guests per tour, the cost is \$105 per person and includes Museum entry.

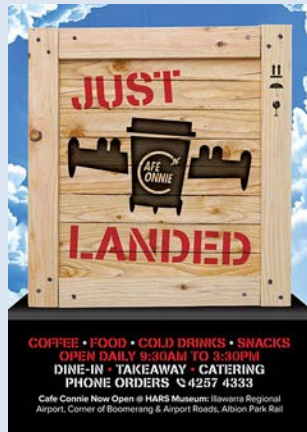


Bookings

Reservations for all tours are strictly limited. Combinations of the various 747 tours are also available at discounted prices. For more information and bookings call 02 4257 4333.

Café Connie

Café Connie is now fully operational for eat-in and takeaway options. The café is Covid-19 approved to seat up to 50 customers.



Breakfast and lunch menus offer a wide selection of both 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 are passing our way, why not drop in for coffee and a chat with our friendly staff, or if you are planning a visit to the Museum, why not stay for breakfast or lunch. Café Connie is open from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm, seven days per week.

Online Shop

HARS Aviation Museum now has an eShop. A special range of HARS-badged clothing such as T-shirts and hoodies, together with some HARS household items such as a carry bags and cushion covers are available.

These items are not carried in the HARS physical shop at Shellharbour Airport. The merchandise is of exceedingly high quality and will be delivered by post to your nominated address.

Visit www.harsmuseumshop.com.au

Next Tarmac Days

Upcoming Tarmac Days will be held on 12, 13, 14 March 2021 and 9, 10, 11 April 2021.

Membership

HARS Aviation Museum is actively looking for volunteers who have an interest in preserving aviation heritage. We seek not only people with an aviation qualification, but also volunteers who can assist in areas such as facilities maintenance, IT, tour guides, reception, the café, or just generally helping out with the day to day running the museum.

If you or a friend are interested in joining HARS please visit hars.org.au/contact-us. Select 'New Member Enquiries' in the 'Who would you like to contact?' field and complete the details. One of our membership team will email you with details regarding our next membership information session.

Our next information sessions, held at our Shellharbour Airport museum, are Saturday 6 March and Saturday 3 April 2021. Sessions start at 11:00 am and typically run for about 45 minutes.

HARS practises Covid safety

HARS Aviation Museum has a safety plan in place in accordance with the NSW Government's template for Covid-19. Full details of our precautions can be found on our website: hars.org.au/2020/06/hars-aviation-museum-is-now-open.



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