

Dreams to Dance and Dine under Historic Wings



Dinner under the wings of historic aircraft will swing dancing dreams into reality at Albion Park Regional Airport in May. The Rotary Club of Illawarra Sunrise is putting on the aviation theme dinner to benefit Fairy Meadow Dance School's Dream Big Dancers, which caters specifically for children and adults with special needs. The seventh annual "Swing into Wings" charity dinner will be held at the HARS Aviation Museum on Saturday 5 May during the Wings Over Illawarra air show.

Illawarra Sunrise president Brian Ashe said guests would be dining under the wings of historic aircraft such as the "Connie" Lockheed Super Constellation and TAA's first aircraft the DC3 Hawdon. "Each table will be hosted by a guest aviator such as senior Qantas captains and representatives from the RAAF Roulettes, the Navy's Fleet Air Arm squadrons and the Army's elite parachute demonstration team," Mr Ashe said.

"Whether you are an aviation enthusiast or not it will be a fabulous evening." This year's dinner will pay tribute to VH-OJA, the "City of Canberra" jumbo jet which is now on display at the HARS Aviation Museum. This was the first Qantas Boeing 747-400 which still holds the record for the longest non-stop flight, from London to Sydney in 1989, and also the shortest flight, from Sydney to Albion Park in 2015. Crew from those flights or their family members will be honoured at the dinner.

Thanks to Qantas, guests can bid for a series of "money can't buy" experiences including a two-hour simulator flight at the Qantas flight training facility, a dinner for four hosted by three Qantas senior captains at the prestigious Centro CBD restaurant in Wollongong, an exclusive tour of the Sydney Qantas jet base and a behind-the-scenes look at the massive Qantas Q catering facility.

Tickets at \$100 per person are on sale at www.wollongongtickets.com.au but **close on 29 April**, or when all are sold.

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