

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **EXCITING CHANGES COMING TO THIS YEAR'S AIRPORT OPEN DAY**

Canberra Airport is hosting its biggest-ever Open Day on Sunday, 8 April 2018, from 9am – 3pm. The event is still free, but for the first time ever this will be a ticketed event with a free park-and-ride shuttle bus to accommodate growing crowds.

“We are constantly trying to improve the experience for our guests. In addition to adding some new attractions and additional food stalls, we are trying to make it even better for crowds with free park-and-ride shuttle buses to and from the airport to ease congestion and a new location that will better accommodate this year’s attractions,” says Stephen Byron, Managing Director of Canberra Airport.

Canberrans and visitors are invited to come to the western side of the airfield and climb aboard a modern plane or helicopter or take a step back in time with a display from the Historical Aircraft Restoration Society. We are planning on displaying Boeing 737s, Cessna 172s, Piper Warriors and Tomahawk II's among other aircraft. Everyone can enjoy seeing thrilling aerial displays from Australia's Number 1 Aviator – Matt Hall, great food, entertainment and rides for children.

#### **DETAILS**

**Date:** *Sunday 8 April, 2018*

**Time:** *9am – 3pm*

**Cost:** *Free but tickets are essential and tickets are limited. [Book online via Eventbrite](#)*

**Food:** *There will be plenty of food stalls including snacks, sausage sizzles, Peruvian street food, coffee and fresh juices. An ATM will be available but we recommend you bring some cash with you.*

**Where:** *Canberra Airport, entry via Catalina Drive or take a free [park-and-ride bus service](#) operating from the City bus station and Russell. This service will operate every 10 minutes from 8.30am.*

**Driving:** *Parking is available at Majura Park near Catalina Drive. If possible, we encourage all attendees to make use of the Park-and-Ride shuttle bus from the City and Russell. Accessible parking is available off Nomad Drive, opposite Canberra Helicopters. These car parks allow those who require it, close access to the event area via hard surfaces.*

#### **DON'T FORGET**

- Your printed tickets
- A hat and sunscreen
- Earplugs - this event includes aerial displays that can produce loud noises. We recommend ear plugs.
- A rain jacket, in case of inclement weather
- Camera/smart phone
- Gold coin donations to enter historic aircraft
- Your love of all things aviation!

Access will not be granted to people carrying anything that you cannot take on board a domestic flight – including pocket knives, nail files and manicure scissors. Random bag checks will occur throughout the event. To reduce delays please bring only what you need. We love dogs but only assistance animals are permitted to attend due to the crowds and noises. Other specific Conditions of Entry will be posted at all entrances and guests are asked to be mindful of these conditions throughout the day.

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