



**Tasmanian Aviation  
Historical Society**

*PRESENTS*



*“IN THE AIR”*

*AN AVIATION SEMINAR*



LAUNCESTON CHURCH GRAMMAR SCHOOL,  
BUTTON STREET, MOWBRAY HEIGHTS

**FRIDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2023, 9:30am.**

## *Welcome to Delegates*

On behalf of the Tasmanian Aviation Historical Society, may I welcome you to the second Aviation Seminar in Tasmania: 'In the Air'. Tasmania's aviation history is well documented so it is fitting that the Seminar is being held here in Launceston.

The Seminar assembles a number of speakers and researchers from Tasmania and mainland Australia who will talk about the history of aviation and their personal experiences over the years. Our host, The Launceston Church Grammar School, has a major association with the development of aviation not only in Tasmania but also Australia. This year there is a vocational focus on aviation and past students of the school in aviation careers will be mentoring present students on what opportunities there are out there in the world of aviation.

I hope you will enjoy these presentations and the Seminar *Soirée* on Friday evening where our speaker will be Mr David Saunders.

*Paul A.C. Richards AM  
Convenor*



The venue, once again, is the Mowbray Campus of the Launceston Church Grammar School who are hosting the event and we take this opportunity to once again thank them for their invaluable assistance.

## **Keynote Speaker- Jon Addison**



This year's keynote speaker is Jon Addison, who will deliver a fascinating presentation on Herbert King's Aerial Survey of Launceston. *Jon Addison* is the Senior Curator of Public History at the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery (QVMAG). His current role allows him to explore many diverse collections and interests. Recent projects have included transport in Tasmania, the Sydney Cove Shipwreck, the anti-transportation movement, the Chinese in north east Tasmania, wilderness photography in Tasmania, the photographer and antiquarian John Watt Beattie and of course the life and work of Herbert John King. With local pilot, FG Huxley, the duo flew a Farman biplane in a grid pattern over the city, taking photographs every 15 seconds, with each image capturing one square mile of the city. The project used 81 glass

plate negatives in total. By hand, it took King more than 200 hours to cut and join the scaled and printed images to complete the final survey.

A somewhat unique session follows Jon Addison’s presentation and would be a first for Launceston. A mentored vocational session on the aviation industry presented by mentors represented by pilots, pilot instructors and a paramedic. They will deliver the subject of aviation employment to the Grade 10 students of Grammar and Scotch Oakburn College. The mentors include Georgia Russell (pilot), Adrienne Fleming (CASA flight examiner), Tony Powell, Andrew Ford, Guy Standen (all Qantas pilots) and Charles Wendell-Smith (paramedic).

Prior to introducing the mentors, Fiona Symons and Melisa Maher, career officers, will discuss the career options and following the mentor’s presentation, students will have the option of discussing careers with the mentors.



*Helicopter Resources Aircraft. (Photo courtesy of Helicopter Resources).*

A special treat, weather permitting, for both students and guests will be the arrival of a Helicopter Resources aircraft flown by Hoey Stobart that plans to land on the main oval at approximately 1pm. Grammar Junior School students will be bussed over from the Prep School in Lyttleton Street for this activity.



*The proposed landing area (Photo courtesy of Launceston Church Grammar School)*

A further innovation for this year's seminar is a visit from members of the Phoenix Flyers of Launceston club who will provide a static display of their model aircraft.



Following the arrival and subsequent departure of the Helicopter Resources aircraft the afternoon session introduces speakers who will present a range of absorbing aviation topics.

Presenters include:

**Peter Anderson**     **Max and Geoff Brown – Tasmanian Pilots 1930-1938**



Peter was a registered land surveyor until retirement. His wife's father was pilot Jeff Brown and so over the years Peter developed an interest in aviation. Jeff became a great friend and accompanied Peter on survey jobs in many parts of Tasmania, including both Bass Strait Islands. The Brown brothers, Jeff and Max, were well known in aviation circles especially in the 1930s, flying for Holyman's Airways and ANA.

**John Livermore**     **Harold Gatty Navigator.**



John Livermore is a former Senior Lecturer in Commercial Law and has presented papers on aviation policy and law.

Harold Gatty, born in Campbell Town Tas, became famous in June 1931 when he was navigator with Wiley Post aboard the "Winnie Mae" on a pioneering around the world flight.

## **Lindsay Millar, OAM      Women Pilots “In the Air”**



Lindsay was born on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1934 and joined the Air Cadets in 1948, not knowing what an extraordinary part flying would play in his life. He joined the Tasmanian Aero Club in 1956 and quickly obtained his private pilot’s licence flying the iconic DH82 “Tiger Moth”. Became President of the Tasmanian Aero Club and ultimately a Life Member. In 1960 Lindsay joined the newly formed Royal Flying Doctor Service, Tasmanian Section as a foundation member.

## **AVIATION CENTRE**



**Grammar School’s flight simulator, part of their aviation programme.**

With notable alumni including Sir Wilmot Hudson Fysh (co-founder of Qantas), David Warren (creator of the black box flight recorder) and Victor and Ivan Holyman (co-founders of Holyman’s Airways, later to become part of Australian National Airways and Ansett-ANA), aviation is very much a part of the school’s heritage, and now its future.

The purpose-built fit-out will be the epicentre for students enrolled in the school’s unique Aviation programme – the only one of its kind in the state. The programme provides a practical pathway to acquire highly specialised skills for Grade 8 to 10 students who have a passion for aeronautics and engineering.

## SEMINAR SOIREE

To round the day's activities off, join us in the evening Soiree with speaker David Saunders.

### ***Seminar Soirée, Friday 8 September***

***6.00 pm to 8.00 pm***



**'IN THE MESS' - *LCGS Hub***

**\$25/HEAD**

**A Spring soirée with seafood, sushi, Tasmanian wine and the LCGS string quartet. All set for a fabulous occasion.**

### **David Saunders**

**TOPIC: "Have flying careers really changed dramatically?  
The Golden Years of Domestic airline flying in the 1960s and 1970s."**



Having had a life-long fascination with flying, I was allowed to learn to fly with the Tasmanian Aero Club at the minimum age of sixteen, while a student at Launceston Grammar and gained my Private Pilot's Licence (Unrestricted) in 1961. I continued to build up hours and experience taking family, friends and others for short and long flights. I completed my Commercial Pilot Licence training with Navair at Bankstown Airport in 1966 and shortly after returned to Launceston with my wife (Myrna) David Saunders was Past Manager of the Tullamarine Flight Simulator and Ansett Commercial airline pilot until medically grounded.

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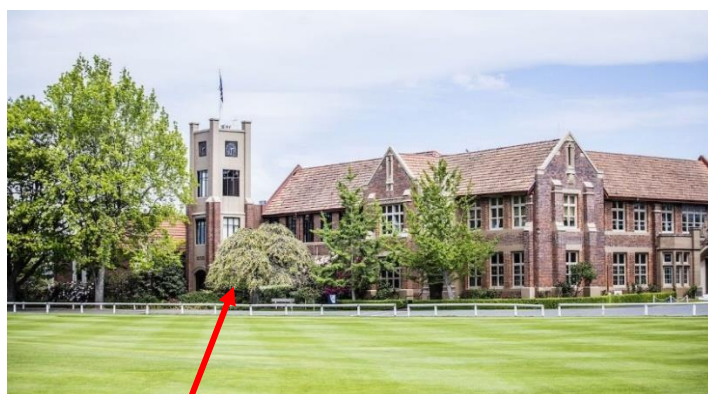
## INFORMATION

**VENUE:** Launceston Church Grammar School, Button Street,  
Mowbray Heights, Launceston.

**REGISTRATION:** 9.30am

**SESSIONS:** Auditorium 10.00am – 5.30pm

**SOIREE:** The Hub 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm



Sinclair Thyne Auditorium entrance

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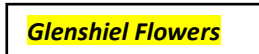
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### REGISTRATION

SEMINAR SESSIONS 9:30 am – 5:30 pm **\$50/head**

EVENING SOIREE 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm **\$25/head**

Seminar plus Soiree 9:30 am – 8:00 pm **\$75/head**

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