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## 2009 Catalina Festival – 24 October 2009

The third annual Catalina Festival at Rathmines is getting closer! This year's event will be held on Saturday 24 October 2009. Please don't forget to put it in your diary. More information will be provided as it comes to hand. Another great fund-raiser for our project!

The CFML's presence will be in the form of a gazebo (or two!) from which we will display photos, slide shows, DVDs and other items of interest. We will also be selling books, DVDs and other merchandise.

The program for this year's event is yet to be finalised. However, at this stage, the event will feature a:

- march by serving members of 11 Sqn RAAF and the army, members of the Toronto RSL sub-branch as well as local Scouts and Guides
- short service at the memorial conducted by an RAAF chaplain
- flypast by an 11 Sqn P3-C Orion
- flypast by the seaplanes present on the day (may include a water bombing run over the lake!)
- flypast of DH 82 Tiger Moths and other vintage aircraft, courtesy of the Luskintigers
- range of assorted displays and other enticements including WWII army vehicles and guns, Irish and tap dancers, choirs, children's amusements, various stalls, food vans, camel rides, not to mention vintage cars and bikes.

You will be sent a finalised program as soon as it becomes available. Promise!

## VH-CAT on display at Bankstown – 14 & 15 November 2009

The Bankstown Airport passenger terminal building will again host the Sydney Aviation Model Show over the weekend of the 14th & 15th November 2009. As part of this event, the Catalina Flying Memorial Ltd will again taxi VH-CAT from its present tie-down position a short distance away to a place on the tarmac immediately adjacent to the terminal building, allowing access to visitors.

For a small fee, visitors will be invited to climb aboard and sit in the pilot's seat. The Catalina Flying Memorial Ltd will also be selling copies of those excellent books by Bob Cleworth, "Cats at War" and "The Fabulous Catalina", as well as some DVDs and other merchandise.

An added treat at November's event will be an engine run at 1.00pm each day so that visitors can experience first-hand the roar of those P&W 1830s! A limited number of visitors will be invited at a cost of only \$15 a head to enjoy the experience from inside the aircraft. Those on board can take turns sitting in the flight-engineer's station high up in the pylon while the engines are running.

All proceeds received will help fund the work required to obtain an Australian Certificate of Airworthiness for VH-CAT. The achievement of this key milestone will mark a significant contribution to the return of the Catalina to Australian skies and seas.

Where: Airport Ave, Bankstown Airport Terminal

Dates: November 14 & 15, 2009

Time: 10am-5pm

VH-CAT admission charges:

- Adults - \$10
- Family (minimum 2 adults + one child, or one adult + two children) - \$20
- Child/seniors/pensioners - \$5
- CFML members and Catalina Veterans - free

Please note that there is an entrance fee of \$5 to the Aircraft Model Show.

## **Offer to photograph your memorabilia**

Gordon Finn, CFML volunteer and professional photographer is in the process of developing a number of excellent displays and membership ID cards for the CFML. Gordon has kindly offered his time over the weekend of 26 & 27 September 2009 to photograph any Catalina, Air Force and other relevant memorabilia you may have. Such items include photographs, squadron crests, badges etc.

Photographs in particular are fragile and can be lost over time. Gordon would be happy to set up a small studio over the above weekend at the CFML Clubhouse at Bankstown and will photograph your items. If you wish, he will then supply you with copies or digital files for your own use.

If you are interested in taking Gordon up on his offer, please contact him by email ([glfinn@optusnet.com.au](mailto:glfinn@optusnet.com.au)) or phone (0414 942 879)

The CFML Clubhouse is located at 8 Gypsy Street, Bankstown Airport.

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## News or comments

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