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AEROPEX 2019

A special event to celebrate the centenary of the first aeroplane flight from England to Australia will be held in Adelaide, South Australia, in December 2019.

AEROPEX 2019 will be a specialised National Philatelic Exhibition for aerophilately and astrophilately. In addition, exhibits with an aviation theme or subject will be accepted in traditional, postal history, postal stationery, thematics, maximaphily, revenues, youth, open, literature, first day covers, frugal, polar, cinderella and picture postcard classes.

The exhibition is scheduled for 6, 7 & 8 December 2019 at the Torrens Parade Ground Drill Hall, Adelaide. This popular and central venue will accommodate approximately 350 frames of exhibits with extra space for dealers and meetings. The unusual date is chosen to coincide with the centenary of the first flight from England to Australia by Adelaide's own Ross and Keith Smith. This flight also brought the first international air mail to Australia. Visitors to Adelaide for the exhibition are invited to extend their stay to take in some of the other centenary events from the meeting of the Australian Airmail Society on 4 December to the actual centenary commemorations on 10 December.

This will be an exhibition pitched to the aviation enthusiast with special displays, guest speakers and trips to historic sites around Adelaide.

To ensure we have the best available material on show the organising committee has invited international participation. We have also allocated frames for non-competitive entries to both accommodate historic material to be shown and to encourage collectors to show what they have without the constraints of competition rules and regulations. All exhibitors will receive one of two exhibition medals. A special Aeropex medallion for the non-competitive exhibits or the Australian Philatelic Federation's medal for the competitive exhibits.

For information on exhibiting, please consult the exhibition prospectus and entry form available from the Australian Philatelic Federation website - <http://apf.org.au/philatelic-exhibition-timetable/>.

For further information, including trade enquiries and meeting bookings, please contact the Exhibition Secretary, Linda Welden, at PO Box 12064, Adelaide Sturt Street PO, South Australia, 5000 or email lindaw3456@gmail.com