

# Flying Boats Exhibition – Museum of Sydney

**Museum of Sydney**  
Cnr Phillip and Bridge Streets,  
Sydney NSW

## Flying Boats: Sydney's golden age of aviation

**- Exhibition at Museum of Sydney from May 10 to September 14, 2008**

1938 saw the dawn of a golden age of aviation when Rose Bay became home to Sydney's first international airport, servicing the mighty flying boats – large, luxurious, four-engine aircraft that alighted on water. This was the beginning of an era when air travel was new, exciting and glamorous.

Featuring photographs, posters, film, a recreated cabin, and the fascinating personal stories of travellers *Flying boats* celebrates the early days of transoceanic air travel and presents a definitive account of this extraordinary chapter in Sydney's history. For more info see [www.hht.net.au/flyingboats](http://www.hht.net.au/flyingboats)

The Historic Houses Trust is giving you the chance to win one of ten double passes to see the new exhibition *Flying Boats* opening at the Museum of Sydney from May 10. Simply email your contact details to [competition@hht.net.au](mailto:competition@hht.net.au) with "Flying Boats" in the subject line. Only winners will be notified.

Please also refer to the News page of the Catalina Flying Memorial Ltd's website ([www.catalinaflying.org.au](http://www.catalinaflying.org.au)) for details.

**The exhibition will also include a number of "Floor Talks" and other special presentations, the details of which appear below.**

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### Free specialist floor talks on the Flying Boats exhibition.

**- Held at the [Museum of Sydney](#). 2pm – 2.30pm. Free with museum entry. Bookings not required.**

#### **Sunday 11 May - Matthew Holle**

Join curator Matthew Holle for a floor talk on the exhibition [Flying Boats](#). Matthew will share his inspiration for the exhibition and the personal involvement of his family in the Flying Boats story. The talk will discuss some of the stories behind the images and objects in the exhibition.

#### **Sunday 18 May - Margaret Holle**

Margaret Holle (nee Bellingham) was an air hostess on Ansett flying boats from 1956 until 1962. During those years she made over 300 flights from Rose Bay to Lord Howe Island and retired when she married Noel Holle who was an engineer at the base.

#### **Sunday 15 June - Genevieve Kirton**

Genevieve is the daughter of P G Taylor an expert navigator who completed the first

crossing by air of the Southern Pacific from Rose Bay to Chile via Tahiti and Easter Island. Genevieve will share her recollections of her father's history with flying Catalinas.

**Sunday 22 June - Warwick Biggs**

Exhibition floor talk with Warwick Biggs, President of the Aviation Historical Society (NSW Branch). Warwick will be speaking about the history of flying boats in Sydney harbour.

**Sunday 29 June - Ian Debenham**

Exhibition floor talk with Ian Debenham, Curator of Transport, Powerhouse Museum.

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**From sea to sky**

Sea to sky. The program showcases archival footage of flying boats from the Australian War Memorial and Film World libraries, supported by insights from the people who played a part in the golden age of Australian aviation. This special night will end with refreshments, an opportunity to meet the speakers and view the exhibition.

**Venue:** Museum of Sydney on the site of first Government House

**When:** Wednesday 28 May, 6pm – 8pm

**Cost:** General public: \$20 Conc/Members of the Historic Houses Trust: \$15.  
**Includes light refreshments. Bookings essential T 02 8239 2211**

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**Flying Boats: Sydney's golden age of aviation – private viewing**

During the heyday of flying boat operations on Sydney Harbour in the late '50s and early '60s, pilots Jim Hughes and Ray Daw flew these magnificent four-engine aircraft to many exotic South Seas destinations. Join Flying Boats curator Matthew Holle and his two guests as they share their memories of this golden age of aviation, followed by a private tour of the exhibition.

**Venue:** Museum of Sydney on the site of first Government House

**When:** Thursday 26 June, 6pm – 8pm

**Cost:** General public: \$39 Conc/Members of the Historic Houses Trust: \$29.  
**Includes refreshments. Bookings essential T 02 8239 2266 (Members Office)**