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Recreational Aviation Australia's *Fly'n For Fun* fly-in will return to the central New South Wales town of Parkes this week, with more than 400 attendees and 200 aircraft registered to attend a three-day celebration of flying that will also welcome public visitors to experience the fun of aviation.

Set for Friday 12 April to Sunday 14 April, *Fly'n For Fun* 2024 promises to be more than twice the size of the 2022 event and will feature an expanded program with a thrilling aerobatic display, static aircraft displays, seminars, trial instructional flights, and vendor exhibitions.

Fly'n For Fun 2024 will offer:

- A program of topical presentations on subjects from new ratings and approvals to how to get the best out of your Electronic Flight Bag;
- Educational sessions for those interested in aviation as a career or a hobby, and for seasoned pilots seeking to enhance their skills;
- Flying training schools offering trial instruction flights, with participants taking to the skies with a qualified flight training instructor;
- An aviation industry exhibition;
- A spectacular Sunday aerial display by the renowned Australian Paul Bennet Airshows aerobatic display team;
- Attending pilot and aircraft awards;
- Campfire storytelling and trivia night.

Fly-in visitors will also be able to camp beneath the wings of their aircraft, thanks to the Historical Aircraft Restoration Society (HARS) Aviation Museum, which will provide its infrastructure and amenities on Parkes Airport.

"It's a time-honoured tradition for recreational pilots to fly to events, camp under-wing and share yarns of their adventures around the campfire," said Jennifer Douglas from Recreational Aviation Australia.

"That's all part of the fun of being a recreational pilot, because we can fly our aircraft to wonderful places anywhere in the country and come together to share these beautiful experiences. That's what Parkes is all about," Ms Douglas said.

Recreational Aviation Australia Limited and Principal Sponsor AMDA Foundation Limited are teaming up once again to organise this exciting gathering.

Fly'n For Fun aims to unite the recreational aviation community and provide a much-needed social gathering in the wake of the COVID pandemic. This year, the event is extending its invitation to the general public, offering everyone the chance to experience the joy of flight and celebrate the wonders of aviation.

"COVID had a massive impact on our aviation community, so *Fly'n For Fun* 2022 was about giving everyone an opportunity to get back together and connect again, said Recreational Aviation Australia's Letesha Stretton.

"We have the same objective for 2024, but we are doing it on a bigger scale and inviting the public, to introduce more people to the world of aviation."

Secure your tickets today for this FREE ticketed event by visiting <u>www.flynforfun.aero</u>! Explore the event schedule, site map, and all pertinent attendee information conveniently located on the website.

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Recreational Aviation Australia (RAAus) is the largest approved administrator of aircraft, pilots and maintainers in Australia. RAAus provides the alternative for Australians wishing to partake in aviation activities in an accessible, cost-effective environment supported by a strong safety culture. As a not-for-profit company, RAAus' vision is to inspire and connect people through aviation.

RAAus administer flight training schools and authorises pilots, flying instructors and maintainers (almost 10,000 members), registers a fleet of over 3,300 aircraft, oversees the operations of 180 Flight Training Schools around the country and supports almost 50 Aero Clubs.