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HUNTER VALLEY AIRSHOW

8+9 FEB 2025

CESSNOCK AIRPORT

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Guidance for Pilots

These notes have been prepared to assist pilots with their planning to attend the Hunter Valley Airshow at Cessnock Airport (YCNK)

Pilots should note that they are responsible for the safe operation of their aircraft at all times in accordance with the relevant rules and regulations.

Nothing in this document may be construed as over-ruling those rules and regulations. This is a guidance document only.

All aircraft flying in need to be pre-registered by emailing contact@paulbennetairshows.com.au with aircraft registration, type and planned arrival time and contact details.

Pilots should consider the following when planning their flights to and from Taree Airport:

- Ensure that your documents, including maps, are current. Aircraft must bring a tie down kit.
- READ THE NOTAM. There are many sources including NAIPS, OzRunways, AvPlan.
- Check status of nearby Restricted areas - Williamtown & DOCHRA
- The airshow is planned for Saturday 8th & 9th of February 2025 between 1030 and 1600 hours. There are not to be planned arrivals, departures or ground operations during the airshow; the UNICOM will advise pilots to remain clear of the airfield if an air display is underway. If you are coming to Cessnock on Saturday & Sunday morning of the event, it is recommended that you plan to arrive not later than 10.00am, to allow adequate time for delays, and to make sure the airshow is not disrupted.
- Aero Refuellers is offering avgas via their mobile refuelling truck. Contact their onsite team at 0428 906 103 to organise.
- When planning, ensure that you allow adequate time and fuel if delayed due to the expected traffic volume.
- Helicopter aircraft **MUST** contact us prior to arrival to ensure suitable parking can be arranged. Contact us at contact@paulbennetairshows.com.au with arrival time, aircraft type and contact details (email and phone number).

Unicom and Ground Communication

- CTAF 122.65
- Ground 129.90
- A Unicom advisory service will be available on CTAF frequency 122.65 on Saturday & Sunday 9am – 5.30pm.
- The Unicom operator may advise known traffic and preferred runway. Additional information may be provided on request. Normal CTAF procedures will apply throughout.
- Unicom will provide guidance on wind direction and preferred runway however runway choice is at the pilot's discretion based on operational requirements.
- On exiting the runway contact Cessnock Ground on 129.9 when established on the taxiway for guidance to appropriate parking. IF NO RESPONSE ON GROUND 129.9 CONTINUE TAXI TO PARKING USING PILOT DISCRETION.
- When contacting Ground, please advise call-sign, aircraft type.

Marshalling and Parking

- After initial contact with Ground when exiting the runway and nominating requirements, pilots *may be* met by a marshal on a 4-wheel bike or other suitable vehicle who will lead them to their parking location. **Marshalling is not provided to non-event parking aprons.** Contact AD ARO for assistance is required.
- Apron parking fees apply and aircraft are to park in designated areas only located on **Western apron. Eastern apron only available with prior permission from AD ARO.**
- At all times, safety is the highest priority. Pilots must remain alert and take necessary actions to prevent unsafe events from occurring.
- CAUTION: Some ground is uneven and you may wish to shutdown and await assistance from marshals. Every effort has been made to identify dips and uneven ground (marking with paint, cones etc). PILOT RESPONSIBILITY - DO NOT TAXI ON SURFACES YOU ARE NOT CONFIDENT YOUR AIRCRAFT CAN HANDLE SAFELY. Event grass parking is unrated – enter at own risk.
- Remember, pilots are responsible for their aircraft and passengers, marshals provide guidance only. If in doubt, stop, shut down if necessary and request assistance.
- Generally heavier GA aircraft will be taxied directly in to their parking position, lighter aircraft will be taxied close to their parking with final positioning by

hand after shutdown. Volunteers will be available to assist with moving aircraft as required.

- Before leaving your aircraft, ensure the marshal is satisfied with its position, that the aircraft is shut down with mixture closed and magnetos off and tied down.
- Whilst securing your aircraft and when walking to the landside, be very careful of other taxiing aircraft. Remind yourself and your passengers of the airside hazards, including propellers and ground obstacles such as tie downs.
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- Taxiway C will be closed due to Special Event Zone.
- Pilots and or crew / passengers are not permitted to cross the runway or strip operational areas at anytime. There will be a designated track to follow if you park on the eastern apron. Approx walking distance is 1100 metres and is not wheelchair suitable.
- There will be no underwing or on aerodrome camping available.
- Electric bikes and scooters are not permitted airside.
- Parking cannot be inside any unserviceable area or outside of the approved yellow cone parking areas due to fire support aircraft operations. Aircraft are not to be left on the fuel apron unattended at anytime.
- Parking without prior permission will incur a fee as stated on the Cessnock City Council fees and charges page of the CCC website.
- Children under the age of 16 accessing aircraft must be accompanied by the pilot in command of that aircraft.

Parking at YCNK outside event areas is at pilot discretion, in accordance with Cessnock Aerodrome user policies. The north-western bitumen apron and eastern apron are available as normal, and all are highly suitable parking areas for day visitors. Contact YNCK AD with any questions relating to normal aerodrome parking.

We appreciate your cooperation in following these guidelines to ensure a safe and smooth operation. Safe flying and enjoy the show.

Parking Map

