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The third annual Catalina Festival at Rathmines is now less than a week away, with the event being held this Saturday 24 October 2009. 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 including a Catalina Blister which one day will be fitted to VH-CAT. We will also be selling books, DVDs and other merchandise.

The Festival will kick off at 10am and 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 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.

The latest program for the festival appears below. See you all there!

Programme

11.00am Parade **11.20am** Memorial Service

ON THE STAGE

Time	Tap Puppies – Between Acts U3A Choir After 1pm
10.30	U3A Ensemble
11.00	Irish Dancers
11.30	Toronto Tai Chi Ladies
12.00	Highland Dancers
12.30	Rathmines School Band
12.45	Newcastle 50's Rock & Roll
1.00	
1.15	
1.30	Smokin Horns Swing Band

IN THE CLUB GARDENS

Time	
11.00	Belmont H/Sch Stage Band
12.30	Belmont H/Sch Concert Band
1.30	Western Lake Macquarie Concert Band

AT THE CLUB

Children's Art Show
10.30 Movie - The Black Cats
12.00 Movie - The Black Cats
Bar - Opens 10.00am
Bistro 12.00 noon
Devonshire Teas - available all day
Catalina Memorabilia - for sale
Peter Steferson-Performing all day

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Australian Red Cross
Catalina Flying Memorial
Seaplane Pilots Association
Luskintyre Tiger Moths
Byattunga Rovers - Morisset
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State Emergency Service
Rural Fire Service
U3A Choir
U3A Ensemble
Voyage Irish Dancers
Toronto Tai Chi Ladies
Highland Dancers
Rathmines School Band
Newcastle 50'S Rock & Roll Club
Smokin Horns Swing Band
Belmont High School Concert Band
Western Lake Macquarie Concert Band
Rathmines Public School
Rathmines Scout Group
Kel Robinson – Town Crier
Toronto R.S.L Sub Branch
National Servicemen's Association
St Johns Ambulance
Airborne Ultralites
Newcastle Military Vehicle Club
Irish Dances

Rathmines CATALINA FESTIVAL 2009 Programme and Map

This Festival would not have been possible without generosity of the following people

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MANY THANKS TO ALL

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 (all things going well) 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.

See you there – and bring your friends!

Colin Cool, Editor

News or comments

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