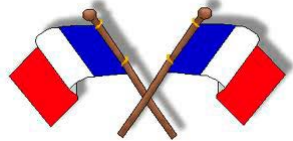


## *A French Celebration...*

The French community in Australia, led by M Eric Berti, Consul-General of France in Australia has adopted this occasion with great enthusiasm.

The airmen who are planning the flight are negotiating with the Civil Aviation Safety Authority and other agencies for permission for our re-enactment aircraft to land on the Parade Ground at Centennial Park where the French celebration of Bastille Day will be held. Negotiations are proceeding well. The arrival of the mail will be a central feature of the Bastille Day Event.



## *Our aircraft...*

When AHSA selected the re-enactment aircraft it had several choices. The aircraft finally chosen is the Australian-designed, Australian-built Jabiru light aircraft. It is close in weight and engine size to the original Bleriot. Of course, being of newer design and construction is faster, safer, and fully VH-registered.

John Fowles from Albury is the lead pilot for the re-enactment. He is very experienced and regarded as one of the most capable Jabiru pilots.



This brochure is produced by the Airmail Centenary Commemoration Group of the Aviation Historical Society of Australia, NSW (inc).

The re-enactment of Maurice Guillaux' flight is planned for July 12-14, 2014.

The purpose of the re-enactment is to raise public awareness of Australia's rich aviation heritage.

The Aviation Historical Society is a non-profit organisation which aims to collect, preserve and publicise Australia's aviation history and heritage.



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## *Your invitation*



*to an*

*historic occasion*

*July 2014*

On July 12-14 we will be commemorating the centenary of the carriage of the first airmail and air freight in Australia.

Maurice Guillaux, a French pilot, carried 1785 postcards from Melbourne to Sydney. The journey, in his frail Bleriot aircraft, took two days, five hours 43 minutes.

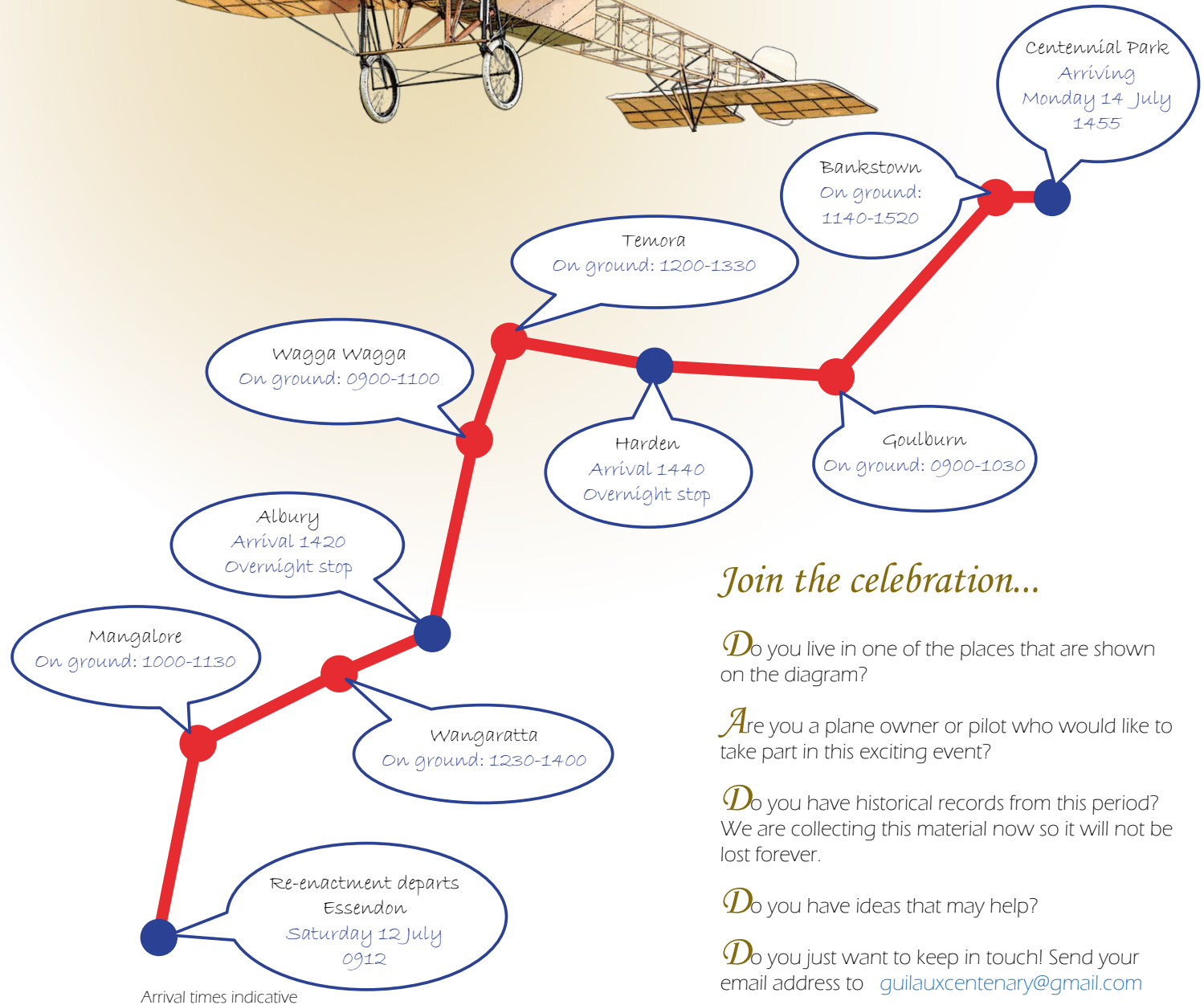
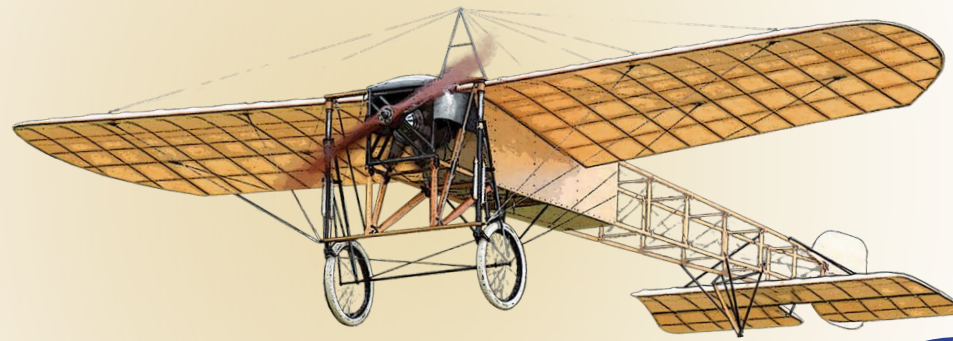
It was claimed to be the longest such flight in the world at that time, and was sensational news.

Two weeks later, World War I broke out and the memory of this epic flight was almost lost.

The Aviation Historical Society of Australia (NSW) is co-ordinating a re-enactment flight. We have wonderful support from aircraft groups, the French Consulate-General, and many other people...

*Will you join us in this exciting project?*

Your opportunity to buy a unique collectable!



Australia Post is releasing commemorative stamps on July 12, 2014. The most collectable philatelic item will certainly be the postcards produced by the Aviation Historical Society of Australia NSW (Inc).

These postcards are modelled on the originals and only 1785 postcards will be available. This was the number believed to have been carried by Maurice Guillaux.

Your purchase will enable the re-enactment to take place and any profits will be paid into a fund that will be used to preserve Australia's aviation heritage.



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Join the celebration...

Do you live in one of the places that are shown on the diagram?

Are you a plane owner or pilot who would like to take part in this exciting event?

Do you have historical records from this period? We are collecting this material now so it will not be lost forever.

Do you have ideas that may help?

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