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New Norfolk Air plane on the way

OzJet Airlines has advised Norfolk Air that its replacement Boeing 727-200 aircraft with wingtip modifications has now been painted in Norfolk Island colours. The aircraft will make a special gala flight to Norfolk Island on March 5th, following which it will be based on the Island and will be the main aircraft used for services to Sydney, Brisbane and Newcastle.

OzJet will cover all of the costs of the special flight which will bring around 60 travel writers and tourism industry guests to experience some of the delights of Norfolk Island.

The direct flight will depart Melbourne Airport on the morning of Monday 5 March and arrive about 2.15 p.m. in Norfolk Island, where there will be a public welcome for the special guests and the new aircraft. The group will depart Norfolk on Tuesday 6 March at around 2.00 p.m.

There will also be two special guests:

- Ron Barassi, the 2006 Sport Australia Hall of Fame Legend; the man that walked on water at the Commonwealth Games opening ceremony; Kokoda trekker and all-round adventurer
- Show business great John Michael "Hollywood" Howson

Norfolk Island Tourism and local industry partners will provide complimentary overnight accommodation and meals. There will be a variety of tours and attractions on offer including a trip to the top of Mount Pitt, a clifftop fish fry, snorkelling, a sports breakfast and participation in Foundation Day activities.

A special concert, featuring Cotton, Keys and Morris, to help raise funds for the Norfolk Island Hospital, will be held on Monday evening at the South Pacific Resort Hotel. The concert will be open to the public.

Further information on concert tickets and the activities surrounding the inaugural flight of the new aircraft is available from Norfolk Tourism on 22147. The Australian contact for information is Tanya Healey at tanya@creativitycommunications.com.au (telephone 0417 145 403).

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