

# Bert Hinkler would be proud!

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From humble beginnings with his man powered homemade glider in 1912 to planes today that break the sound barrier, Bundaberg boy Bert Hinkler would be 'proud to see how far aviation has come through the years' says Colleen Foglia, Team Leader at the Hinkler Hall of Aviation.

With only a month to go until the 2009 Wide Bay Australia International Airshow takes to the skies of Bundaberg for Australia's premier general aviation event, the Hinkler Hall of Aviation staff are prepping for an influx of visitors looking at getting back to the grass roots of aviation. 'The Hinkler Hall pays tribute to Bert Hinkler as a pioneer of flight and as a person who was significant in the advancement of aviation during the early 20th century' says Colleen. 'As part of the Bundaberg Regional Council we will have a display at the airshow to encourage visitors to take time to visit the Hinkler Hall of Aviation while in Bundaberg' she said.

Wide Bay Airshow CEO Richard King-Siem said that 'the airshow encourages people to experience all that Bundaberg has to offer in the field of aviation, including its strong historical association with Bert Hinkler as showcased in the Hinkler Hall of Aviation.'

The key element of the Hinkler Hall of Aviation is its foundation as a cutting-edge interpretive facility that educates and entertains through the preservation of Hinkler artefacts and memorabilia. 'It is more than a museum, it provides visitors with an enjoyable and interesting adventure, where you and your family become part of the story' said Colleen.

Visit the Hinkler Hall of Aviation at; Bundaberg Botanic Gardens, Corner Mount Perry Road and Young Street, North Bundaberg. Phone (07) 4130-4400 Fax (07) 4130-4410 or visit the website; [www.hinklerhallofaviation.com](http://www.hinklerhallofaviation.com)

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