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## **Hawker Pacific welcomes SLE Model Beechcraft Baron**

### ***50th Anniversary Baron G58 to further boost Beechcraft piston-engine sales in Australia***

Leading aircraft sales and services company, Hawker Pacific, welcomes Hawker Beechcraft's announcement that it is to offer a limited edition high performance model of the world's most desired piston twin aircraft.

The 50th anniversary edition Beechcraft Baron will feature high performance Hartzell Scimitar propellers, elegant interior design features and amenities and will be available in a choice of four distinctive external paint schemes.

Announcing the new model, HBC Executive Vice President Shawn Vick said: "The success of the Baron is a testament to its exceptional design, innovation and value-enhancing improvements over the years, and to its loyal and enthusiastic customer base. It continues to be the performance leader among twin engine piston aircraft and provides versatility, speed and range/payload capability that are the best in its class."

Hawker Pacific's Senior Vice President, Aircraft Sales & Flight Services Group, Tony Jones said: "Hawker Pacific is one of the most successful Beechcraft dealers in the world and this is largely due to the quality, specification and performance of their aircraft.

"Notwithstanding recent challenging times, we have seen a record level of sales of HBC piston engine aircraft to private buyers over the past year and this new model Baron should generate a lot of new interest from potential customers," he said.

Designed to celebrate the Baron as an industry standard, the golden anniversary aircraft incorporates specially-engraved, 14-carat-gold Baron and 50-year emblems into the power quadrant and pilot/co-pilot control wheels, matching wheat leather seats and removable headrest covers with an embossed Beechcraft shield, and leather-wrapped yokes in an exclusive wheat finish. The aircraft also sports a heritage Beechcraft shield sculpted into the velvet cut Baron Brown carpet in the club seating area. Rosen sun visors, a Lightspeed Zulu headset and air-conditioning round out the internal enhancements.

Externally, the Hartzell blended airfoil Scimitar propellers equipped with unfeathering accumulators will provide a performance boost, while a choice of four color palettes and a specially designed paint scheme give the anniversary aircraft a unique look. The limited edition Baron is identified by an exclusive number sequence and proudly displays the heritage Beechcraft shield on the tail. Each aircraft features distinctive 50th anniversary commemorative graphics on the nacelles and fuselage, with upper leading-edge wing surfaces finished with select anniversary paint.

The Baron series debuted as an updated version of the Model 95 Travel Air. A stretch of the fuselage in 1970 changed the model designation from the B-55 to the B-58 and allowed for the addition of two more seats in the cabin. The current model, powered by two 300 horsepower Teledyne Continental IO-550 engines, has a maximum gross weight of 5,500 pounds. The G58 Baron has a maximum level speed at 6,000 feet of 202 knots or it can fly for up to 9 hours at a cruise speed of 167 knots, burning 18.6 gallons per hour at 10,000 feet. The 50th Anniversary model offers a useful load of 1,504 pounds.

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