
CONVAIR CV-580 AIR TANKER OPERATIONAL INFORMATION



**Multi Engine Air Tanker
Project Victoria 2010-11**



**STATE AIRCRAFT UNIT
V I C T O R I A**

VISITOR MANAGEMENT PLAN

A General

Access to the Avalon Airport including the Avalon Airtanker Base is significantly restricted.

As a result, the Multi Engine Air Tanker Project (MEAT-Project) has limited provisions to allow Agency personnel, Government representatives and interested parties access to the Avalon Airbase.

Access for Agency personnel, Government representatives and interested parties will be subjected to the guidelines and conditions regulated by Avalon Airport and all requests for access must be arranged at a time PRIOR to the nominated day and time.

B Requests

All requests to visit Avalon Airbase are to be made through the State AirDesk, 1300 134 144.

A minimum of seven days notice is required.

Because of additional security and commercial arrangements when the Avalon Airshow and associated activities are being conducted no visitor tours will be conducted for the period 20th February 2011 – 5th March 2011 inclusive.

B Schedule

For operational purposes, access to Avalon for all parties, aside from operational personnel, has been limited to:

Wednesday:	0900-1000 hours	Sunday	0900-1000 hours
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C Visitor access

Transport to and from Avalon Airport must be organised by persons requesting tour.

Visitors and the tour organiser are to make their way to the Security Office located at the main Passenger Terminal for Avalon Airport. The office is located opposite the main car park entrance. See Figure 1 for general location.

It is suggested that the touring party allow an hour for the process of obtaining a Visitor Pass and proceeding to the secured entrance gate for Avalon Airport prior to contact with the escort. This is to ensure that visitors arrive at least 15 minutes PRIOR to intended start time.

A maximum of 25 individuals will be allowed access at the scheduled time, and the "visit" will take approximately one hour. All individuals are to sign in and receive an "Escorted Visitors Pass" at the main security gate.

A maximum of 2 passenger vehicles **or** one bus will be escorted through Avalon Airport at any one time. Avalon Airport is an operational airfield and, vehicle traffic must be kept to a minimum.

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At all times, visitors are to follow the directions of the Avalon Airport approved personnel who may be escorting them.

D Avalon Airbase access

Visitors must obtain permission from the Avalon Airbase Coordinator and be given a safety briefing before being allowed onto the hard standing and the aircraft.

Access for visitors will only occur if they are escorted by an Avalon Airport approved agency personnel.

Visitors will be provided with high visibility vests to comply with Avalon Airport regulatory requirements but must supply their own hearing protection. A limited capacity for hearing protection is available from the Airbase.

Visitors may be directed to and confined to a secure designated viewing area while visiting the base to observe operations if other tenants within Avalon Airport are operational.

At no stage are individuals to leave the tour. Visitor passes are provided on the condition that an escort is present at all times. Any breach of this may result

E Provisions

Still and video footage are permitted of the multi engine air tankers.

However, NO footage is permitted to be taken of Avalon infrastructure or Qantas installations, to do so are considered a criminal offense.

Any persons seen to be taking images of these may have equipment confiscated, be escorted from premises and may face prosecution in line with breaching Commonwealth Regulations.

The multi engine air tankers are fully operational aircraft on standby for emergency operational purposes. Cancellation, at short notice, of organised tour may occur.

The State AirDesk will endeavor to provide as much notice as possible should this eventuate, to avoid any inconvenience, in some instances this may not be possible.

F Further information

Please contact the State AirDesk 1300134144 or alternatively the State Aircraft Unit Victoria 03 9412 4888.

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Avalon Airport passenger terminal access roads and Security Office.