

# Wings Over Illawarra 2020

## 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020



## 2020 VISITING PILOT INFORMATION

Please note that the following guide is subject to any NOTAMS issued applicable to YSHL and is supplementary to the information in ERSA. All times in this information are local time AEST – Australian Eastern Standard Time.

### SUMMARY:

- Operational RWY 16/34 with RH circuits on RWY 34 (check ERSA). Be aware of increased helicopter movements on eastern side of airfield transiting between coast and airfield. RWY 08/26 is available if conditions dictate (UNICOM will advise) but please note displaced threshold on eastern end, and aircraft may be parked on far eastern end beneath the obstacle clear area.
- Plan arrival between **0800** and **1000** on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, YSHL will be closed 1030 – 1630 for handling displays (see NOTAMS). Avoid arriving between 1200 – 1600 on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May as YSHL will be intermittently closed for display practice sessions.
- Visitor aircraft parking and underwing camping will be in the paddock south west of runway intersection with direct access from the western end of RWY 08/26 and will be airside. Access corridor from RWY 08/26 to aircraft parking area will be clearly marked with orange cones. The parking area is located within the display box and **MUST** be vacated by all persons by 1030 daily.
- **There will be absolutely NO ACCESS to the aircraft parking area from 10:30 until completion of the air displays at approximately 16:00.** The TRA will be opened immediately following the close of the display to facilitate those planning to depart.
- After landing and vacating the runway, broadcast callsign and either 'visitor' or 'display', as appropriate.
- After landing, if possible, exit the active runway by turning to the west along RWY 08/26, otherwise clear the active runway & taxi towards runway intersection. When clear to do so taxi west along RWY 08/26 to aircraft parking area.
- Look for marshals in fluoro vests for parking assistance.
- **YSHL CTAF 127.30** with UNICOM operating on the day, (check ERSA and AIP SUP).
- If possible, plan to land with sufficient fuel for the return trip as the bowser may be busy, particularly for those with last light considerations.
- A shuttle bus will be operating to ferry pilots and passengers to the event area and return them to their aircraft at the conclusion of the air displays – approximately 1600.
- Airshow tickets can be purchased at the pilot entry gate, but we recommend pre-purchasing from Wings Over Illawarra website prior to arrival. Also please note that Aviation Industry discounted tickets will not be available at the gate.

### **Exhibitor Aircraft**

- For participating Display Aircraft and Exhibitor Aircraft pre-approved for hard stand parking, access to exhibit sites is from eastern end of RWY 08/26.
- For GA Precinct Exhibitor Aircraft, access is direct from TXY G.
- Exhibitor Aircraft are requested to arrive and bump-in on Thursday where possible, or first thing Friday morning, in order to be open for the Student STEM day on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May.
- Exhibitors that are not able to arrive Thursday or Friday **MUST** be parked in their allocated site and shut down by 0845 on Saturday prior to gates opening to the public at 0900.

## **GENERAL:**

We expect a considerable number of visiting aircraft flying in, with varying levels of experience. Lookout and situational awareness in traffic area is important, so use your usual routine for CTAF entry while maintaining a high degree of awareness of traffic around you. The UNICOM operator is there to help with weather and runway information but is not a controller; you are responsible for your own separation. Wake turbulence is a possibility, we have a number of aircraft arriving in the medium category, be aware that these aircraft also need a much larger circuit than light aircraft, so please don't cut in on them and allow them a straight-in approach. Listen on 127.30 and co-operate with other aircraft in the circuit area. Backtracking will also increase runway occupancy time for larger aircraft, so allow for this in your spacing and be ready to go around if necessary. Taxiing behind larger aircraft can also be hazardous. Keep your time on the runway to a minimum.

We can't control the weather on the day. In the event of rain, we will run as much of the air display as VFR rules and safety considerations permit.

## **COMMUNICATIONS:**

A UNICOM will operate on the CTAF frequency, 127.3 MHz, from 1200 – 1600 on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May and 0800 – 1800 on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, call sign "WOLLONGONG UNICOM". UNICOM will be supplemented by ground marshals to provide parking assistance. No formal marshalling will take place after the display ceases.

## **AIRCRAFT ARRIVAL PROCEDURE:**

Weather is available from the AWIS 120.35 (one second transmit) and Unicom will advise the wind and runway in use at regular intervals, radio traffic permitting. Otherwise, listen for the runway preceding traffic is using.

- **Friday Arrivals** – Avoid arriving between **1200** and **1600** as YWOL intermittently closed for display practice sessions.
- **Saturday Arrivals** - Plan to arrive before **1000**. YWOL is closed from **1030 to 1630** for airshow operations, see NOTAMS.
- **Sunday Arrivals** - Plan to arrive before **1000**. YWOL is closed from **0930 to 1630** for airshow operations, see NOTAMS.

Arrival prior to the closure time is by usual CTAF procedures with additional advisory service of recent wind and operational runway from the Unicom operator.

- **If RWY 34 in use**, make a right-hand circuit as per ERSA, vacate ASAP, preferably at runway intersection or TWY C if required. Vacating at intersection, taxi west along 08/26 and look for marshals for parking assistance. If you require TWY C to clear runway, roll on to taxiway exit, then taxi south along TWY B towards RWY intersection, when clear taxi west along RWY 08/26 and look for marshals for parking guidance.
- **If RWY 16 in use**, vacate runway at intersection if possible and taxi west along 08/26 and look for marshals for parking assistance, maintain some power to expedite, be aware that aircraft may be behind you on final. If you require TWY H to clear runway, roll on to taxiway exit, then taxi north along TWY G towards RWY intersection, when clear taxi west along RWY 08/26 and look for marshals for parking guidance.
- **RWY 08/26** is available if conditions dictate. Care should be taken if other aircraft using RWY 16/34. Note displaced threshold on eastern end, and aircraft may be parked on far eastern end beneath the obstacle clear area.
- **Increased Helicopter Movements** Be aware of increased helicopter movements on eastern side of airfield transiting between coast and airfield not above 1,000'

### **VISITOR AIRCRAFT PARKING:**

Light aircraft parking and underwing camping will be on cut grass in the paddock to the south west of the runway intersection with direct access from RWY 08/26. Standard hand signals will be used for marshalling. Tie downs will not be supplied - bring tie downs and use them. Please be patient as we have both display and visiting aircraft to accommodate in a congested area.

Day visitor parking and underwing camping parking will be separated so please make your underwing camping pass visible to marshals so you can be directed to the appropriate parking area. Underwing camping passes are in the form of an easily identifiable A4 page and must be printed prior to arrival.

### **AIRCRAFT DEPARTURE PROCEDURE:**

Once the display is over, it is expected that there will be a rush of aircraft departing, especially those who have last-light considerations to get home safely. We recommend delaying your departure until after the rush if operationally possible.

- **If RWY 34 is in use**, maintain an orderly queue along RWY 08/26 and hold short of RWY 16/34. Intersection departures are available (approximate RWY available 1250m). If full length of RWY 34 is required, when clear, taxi across RWY 16/34 to TWY G. Be aware some departing show aircraft cannot use TWY G so holding at TWY H and RWY 34 threshold may be required while they backtrack to use the full available runway length. In some cases, an intersection departure for these aircraft will be possible, providing minimum disruption to other departing aircraft, and will be encouraged. Listen for broadcasts on 127.30 of aircraft intentions.
- **If RWY 16 is in use**, maintain an orderly queue along RWY 08/26 and hold short of RWY 16/34. When clear taxi across RWY 16/34 to TWY B. Intersection departure via TWY A is encouraged to minimise disruption (approx. RWY available 1390m), however departing visitor aircraft requiring full length can backtrack from TWY A to RWY 16 threshold in groups of 4-5, as there is adequate holding area at the northern end of the runway, to minimise delays to others. Some departing show aircraft cannot use TWY B so will need to backtrack along the runway. Listen for broadcasts on 127.30 of aircraft intentions.
- **Last Light**  
Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020 – Sunset 5:13 pm / Last light 5:39 pm

### **GENERAL DEPARTURE INFORMATION:**

If possible, delay your departure until after the initial rush.

If executing run-ups while in the queue, please be aware of your prop wash and as a courtesy to those behind you, if possible, turn your aircraft 45 degrees to the TWY centreline.

Some show aircraft types have engine cooling or plug fouling issues, eg P-40, P-51 and radials, so these will require departure without delay, so listen for broadcasts on 127.30 of aircraft intentions and please be patient.

Finally, thank you for taking the time to read this information, your sensible and safe behaviour will make Wings Over Illawarra more enjoyable for everyone.

**NOTE: THIS INFORMATION IS ADVISORY, PILOTS SHOULD CONSULT THE ERSA, AIP SUP AND CURRENT NOTAMS.**

