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Historic aviation moment at Archerfield Airport

An historic 1943 DC-4 airliner that underwent restoration at Archerfield Airport took to Brisbane skies on Monday, December 21, 2009 after eight years on the ground.

A team from the Historical Aircraft Restoration Society (HARS), including ex-Qantas pilot Peter Hanneman, flew the giant aircraft to Illawarra Regional Airport in NSW where its restoration will be completed and the plane will become a flying museum. Other members of the crew accompanied the flight team in HARS's restored DC-3 aircraft. It was the first time in decades that DC-3 and DC-4 aircraft (both long-serving passenger airliners in Australia) had shared the skies.

The DC-4 at Archerfield Airport served the US Navy before becoming a domestic freighter. Its most recent role was carrying cargo throughout the Pacific region. Earlier this year it received a replacement wing that had survived 30 years in an American desert and still bore its original stars and stripes livery.

The aircraft was donated to HARS for restoration; and Archerfield Airport Corporation (AAC) supported the project with subsidised parking charges since 2001.

A large crowd of onlookers gathered at the airport to farewell the 'old girl'.

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