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Cirrus *Australis* starts national tour at Archerfield

The new Cirrus *Australis* aircraft, specifically modified for Australian flying conditions, makes its Queensland debut at Flight One at Archerfield Airport **this Saturday, May 30, 2015**.

Flight One is the state's only Cirrus Training Centre and the first venue on a national fly-in tour of the Generation 5 SR22 Special Edition *Australis*.

The million dollar aircraft represents state-of-the-art avionics, Cirrus' high level safety Airframe Parachute System (CAPS) which deploys a parachute to avert an air tragedy, and several features tailored for the Australian climate and remote area flight operations. These include air-conditioning, UV protection windows to reduce UV exposure and cool the cockpit by 30 percent, four-in-one backup gauges, a personal location beacon and a four-person survival kit.

Launched in Australia at Avalon International Air Show in February, the *Australis* is distinguished by a Southern Cross motif and Australian-inspired livery colours. The showcase opportunity at Archerfield this weekend will be a chance for aviation enthusiasts to inspect the aircraft in detail – and a number of fly-in visitors from across Queensland are expected for the event.

Managing Director and CEO of Flight One, Lucas Tisdall, said there was very strong interest in the *Australis* because of its safety and technology excellence. Flight One has three Cirrus aircraft in its 22 strong fleet offering flight training and corporate and charter services from Archerfield Airport, including the new Cirrus SR20.

General Manager of Archerfield Airport, Heather Mattes, said it was fitting that Queensland's premier general aviation centre would co-host the launch event of the aircraft's introductory Australian tour.

Mrs Mattes invited interested media to attend...

When: 10am – 2pm on Saturday May 30, 2015

Where: Flight One, 2/224 Qantas Ave, Archerfield Airport (enter via main gates off Beatty Road, Archerfield)

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