

PRESS RELEASE: NEWCASTLE AIRSHOW 2016

Clear the runway – final countdown to Newcastle Airshow

It is almost time for the most highly anticipated aviation event in KwaZulu-Natal.

On June 4, the skies above Newcastle in northern KZN will play host to the largest airshow in the province – and for the sixth consecutive year organisers Champ Marketing have gone all out.

On Sunday South Africa's elite acrobatic squad, the South African Air Force (SAAF) Silver Falcons Team 80, will arrive.

While they wait for the event to kick off in full force, Team 80 will visit schools in the area, bringing aviation directly to Newcastle's classrooms and while the pilots aren't educating possible future team members, they will be taking to the skies above the Amajuba District.

'The Silver Falcons will be one of the major attractions at this year's Airshow,' said MD of Champ Marketing, Johan Pieters.

'We are honoured to be one of the few events affiliated with the prestigious team and the SAAF.'

While pilots take their planes to the clouds, visitors to the show will enjoy more than enough entertainment on the ground.

A large variety of food stalls, including Halaal choices will keep the crowds fed, while the thirsty boys and girls can enjoy a cold one courtesy of the beer garden bar manned by the Ncandu 86 Round Table.

'From motor car exhibitions to some of the most exciting planes in the country, right down to getting a haircut for your toddler or a manicure and pedicure for mom, you will find it all at the Newcastle Airshow.'

The organisers are also excited to announce that this year the Play Park will be back for the little ones to enjoy.

For the adventurous folks helicopter flips will be available from 10am while land-lovers will get to see Menno Parsons' P51 Mustang Sally, Tiger Huey ZS-HGC chopper and Aero L39 Albatros in action, among many others.

Another popular event, the car versus plane race, will this year feature Neville Ferreira's Slick 540 going toe-to-toe with a Mercedes Benz AMG beast.

While all is fun and games, the organisers will again this year give young pupils the opportunity to visit the airshow not only for a fun day out – but to learn in the process.

'We will be hosting an Ubuntu Educational Day for Grade 11 pupils with maths and science,' said Pieters.

'700 youngsters from around Northern-Natal will have the once in a lifetime opportunity to attend the Airshow and learn a little more about aviation.'

The pupils will be treated to lunch and refreshments, as well as talks by not only the Civil Aviation Authority and Denel Aviation, but will have the privilege of meeting the Silver Falcons and other pilots, and hear from the SAAF, Vodacom and Air Traffic Navigation Services.

Schools that are interested in sending pupils to attend can contact Sanele Hlatswayo on 074 499 3817.

'The Newcastle Airshow is not one to miss this year. Grab your binoculars, your camera and your sunglasses and make your way to the Newcastle Airport on 4 June.'

Tickets, at a cost of R50 per adult and R30 for scholars, will be available at the gate which will open at 8am

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