



"Globe Theatre", inside the Hinkler Hall of Aviation, one of three theatres you can experience.

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"Hinkler House", in the Bundaberg Botanic Gardens. Bert's home sits beside the Hinkler Hall of Aviation.

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Glide simulators, an interactive exhibit that is fun for the whole family. Experience flight!

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'Did You Know' – intriguing facts about the Museum

- At Hinkler Hall of Aviation you can see the real AVRO baby that Hinkler flew from Sydney to Bundaberg in 1921 in record time. After 8 hours and 45 minutes in the air, Bert landed at the Foundry Green, taxied to his mother's back yard and announced he was home for tea.
- The Hinkler Hall of Aviation cares for the Bert Hinkler archive, which includes rare letters home from Bert to his family while he was in military service in World War I. Facsimiles of these letters from 1914 can be seen on display in the main gallery.
- Not only can you see Bert Hinkler's Southampton home, painstakingly rebuilt brick by brick in Bundaberg, but also his personal possessions – things like the beautiful Salanola musical instrument made with Australian timbers, gifted to Bert in Brisbane during his Tour of Triumph in 1928.
- Bert Hinkler was involved with Barnstorming, which was a popular form of entertainment in the early days of flying. Travelling from town to town, daredevil pilots performed almost any trick or stunt imaginable with airplanes. "Barnstormers" sometimes worked in groups as a flying circus. They found showing off their creativity in the air an exciting way to earn a living. The Red Bull Air Race could be considered an example of modern-day barnstorming.

Our Profile

Hinkler Hall of Aviation is a nationally significant tourist attraction and aviation adventure experience. More than a museum, the Hinkler Hall of Aviation celebrates the pioneer solo aviator Bert Hinkler and the wonders of innovation, spirit and adventure.

Step inside a soaring exhibition hall featuring interactive exhibits, flight simulator, the Globe Theatre and five full-sized replica aircraft. Climb into the Avro Baby bi-plane replica and email a photo of yourself as a flying ace to your family and friends. Engage with the detailed and rich history of Bert Hinkler and see the world through his personal effects, and documents and letters of the time. The powerful archival footage and historic photos bring the story to life.

Brick by brick, Bert's English home, Mon Repos, was moved to Bundaberg from Southampton in 1983 by Hinkler House Memorial Museum and Research Association. Named after Mon Repos beach near Bundaberg, the location of his early aviation experiments, the house links Bert Hinkler's professional endeavors with his personal life.

Hinkler Hall of Aviation and Mon Repos are set in the tropical surrounds of the Bundaberg Botanic Gardens. Visit Café 1928 where you can overlook the lake and lawns. Also home to the Bundaberg Historical Museum, Fairymead House and the Australian Sugar Cane Railway, the Botanic Gardens are a wonderful destination encompassing a broad history of Bundaberg.

What the Standards Program has meant for our museum

Collection significance and preservation: Our collection about Local Hero Pioneer Solo Aviator Bert Hinkler is of national significance and we would like to showcase some of our original artefacts in changing temporary displays for the enjoyment of our community and international and Australian visitors.

Awareness of community: Part of our community engagement is working with local schools and educators to promote the many achievements of Bert Hinkler.