

ORDER FORM

Mildenhall to Melbourne by Stuart McKay MBE.
Hardback. 282mm x 213mm. 200 pages. 320 photographs.

To Tiger House Press, Staggers, 23 Hall Park Hill, Berkhamsted,
Hertfordshire HP4 2NH, England.
Tel/Fax domestic. 01442 862077
Tel/Fax international. +44 (0)1442 862077
email. dhmoth@dhmothclub.co.uk

Please send mecopies of Mildenhall to Melbourne at £29.95 per copy

Name (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/other

Address for delivery

Country Post Code

Best contact telephone number

Books total £GBP

** Please add postage at the following rates per book: Great Britain £7.00.
Europe (airmail only) £9.00. ROW surface mail £9.00. ROW airmail £16.00.

Postage total £GBP

Grand total £GBP

I enclose a sterling cheque payable to 'Tiger House Press' or
Please debit my Visa/Mastercard/Maestro/Switch account.
(We cannot accept other cards)

Card number

Valid from Expiry Security number

Switch issue number Name on card

Signature of cardholder

MILDENHALL TO MELBOURNE

The World's Greatest Air Race

The City Fathers of Melbourne, Australia, decided that something special was needed to celebrate the Centenary of their fair city in 1934 which would not only be appropriate and significant, but cause the name of their home and the State of Victoria to be indelibly stamped on the minds of those in the rest of the world.

The result was an air race that would, it was hoped, attract the world's best aeroplanes and crews, starting in London, the hub of the Empire, and transiting by the most practical route to Melbourne. The necessary bait was in the form of large cash prizes and a local confectionery magnate, Sir MacPherson Robertson, was pleased to offer those together with a gold trophy and gold medallions for every crew member who completed the course within a specified number of days.

To increase the interest and potential field, two Races were devised to run concurrently: a Speed Race where the winner was simply the first past the post and a Handicap Race, flown against a complicated formula and different set of rules and routing.

It was hoped the Races would encourage the design and construction of new aeroplanes and the improvement of aerodromes along the route together with their facilities and communications. It certainly achieved all those aims and was a triumph of detailed organisation and logistical planning conducted over great distances.

Twenty one aircraft were ready to start the Races at dawn on Saturday 20 October 1934, each crew armed with the necessary endurance, courage and skill to see them through 12,000 miles of adventure, half way round the world.

Not for nothing was the 1934 MacRobertson International Air Race, Mildenhall to Melbourne, called 'The World's Greatest Air Race'.

Printed in Great Britain

Illustration by Andy Hay, Flyingart in association with
Nick Spencer, Mildenhall Museum

ISBN 978-0-9563981-0-9