



# 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of first Trans-Pacific flight 1928-1978

On 31 May, 1928, Australians Charles Kingsford Smith and Charles Ulm (co-commanders) and Americans Harry Lyon (navigator) and James Warner (radio operator) left Oakland, California in the aircraft 'Southern Cross' to attempt the first flight across the Pacific. Flying via Hawaii and Fiji, they reached Brisbane, Australia 11889 kilometres away, nine days later.