



**NATIONAL TRUST OF AUSTRALIA (TASMANIA)**

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**Nomination Form**

**This program is a National campaign.**

**1. IDENTIFICATION / LOCATION OF HERITAGE @ RISK**

**Current Name of Place/Object:** **HOLYMAN'S AIRWAYS HANGAR**

**Street Address of Place/Object:** Launceston Airport, Evandale Road Western Junction

**Local Government Authority:** Northern Midlands Council

**Title Details: Lot No: ..... Vol: Fol: .....**

**Latitude:                      Longitude:**

**Type of Place/Object:** Hangar now used as freight depot

**Original Owner:** Tasmanian Aerial Services

**Current Owner -** Launceston Airport Authority

**Current Occupant:** Australian Air Express  
**Architect/Designer:**  
**Builder:**.....

**Construction Date:**  
**Original Use:** 1932  
**Current Use:** Air freight depot

## 2. IDENTIFICATION OF CURRENT RISK

### Degree of Risk: (tick one of)

- \*\*\*\*\* Imminent risk - no solution agreed
- \*\*\*\*  High risk - no solution agreed
- \*\*\* High risk - solution agreed but not implemented
- \*\* Immediate risk – no solution
- \* Immediate risk – solution agreed but not implemented

### Threats/Risks: (tick one of)

- \*\*\*\*\*  Destruction
- \*\*\*\* Deterioration
- \*\*\* Devaluation
- \*\* Damage
- \* Disturbance

### Fate/outcome (tick one of)

- \*\*\*\*\* Saved (and secure, ie, solution agreed & implemented)
- \*\*\*\*  Stable (not yet saved or secure, ie, solution not yet fully implemented)
- \*\*\* Surviving
- \*\* Suffering
- \* Stuffed (shattered or smashed – Lost, ruined or destroyed)!

### Statement of Risk

The continuing sustained increases in passenger and freight traffic at the Launceston airport has required the development and expansion of a range of airport facilities by Australia Pacific Airports (Launceston) Pty Ltd the operators of the airport. One of the buildings originally proposed for demolition as part of the expansion program was the original Holyman Airways hangar.

Following the identification of the heritage values of the hangar, Australia Pacific Airports have commissioned a heritage study of the hangar to determine the most appropriate future management of the building.

## 3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Holyman Airways hangar at the Launceston Airport is the oldest surviving purpose built aviation related building at any airport in Tasmania. Constructed in late 1932 the erection of the hangar followed the formation of Tasmanian Aerial Services Pty Ltd through the amalgamation of Holyman's flying activities with Mathews Aviation in October 1932.

The building served as both hangar and passenger terminal for Holyman Airways, Australia National Airways and finally Ansett-ANA up until the opening of the present airport terminal in 1966. Since then it has continued to be used as an airfreight terminal.

The hangar is the most significant surviving aviation building associated with Holyman Airways which later as Australian National Airways was the largest airline in Australia before the Second World War and responsible for a number of fundamental contributions to the development of the Australian aviation industry.

**Elaboration of Criteria as Applicable**

- √ Aesthetic
- √ Historic
- Scientific
- √ Social
- Spiritual
- √ Representative
- √ Authenticity
- √ Rarity

**4. CURRENT HERITAGE RECOGNITION**

National List: (date entered) (ID or Ref number)  
Commonwealth List:  
Register of National Estate:  
State Heritage Register/Listing:  
National Trust Classification:  
Municipal Listing/Town Planning Scheme:  
Other:

**5. DESIRED OUTCOME / VISION**

The desired outcome for the Holyman Airways hangar is that it remains at the Launceston airport.

In achieving this outcome it should be possible to ensure the future of this building while enabling the continued development of the Launceston airport to accommodate the continuing increasing passenger and air freight demands.

The rapid positive response by Australia Pacific Airports (Launceston) Pty Ltd once advised of the buildings heritage values through the commissioning of a heritage study of Holyman’s hangar provides optimism for the buildings future.

**6. PHOTOGRAPHS / DOCUMENTATION**

Photographs included with nomination  
Bibliography  
“Tasmania’s Aviation Heritage” exhibition National Trust of Australia (Tasmania)

**Risk/ Amelioration Report Card**

Year: 2008  
Action: 2008  
Change in Status:  
Rating: High

**Date of nomination ( 30 March 2008 )**