



Save the date:

August 3-4

2019

MINLATON

100 years of Captain Harry Butler

Saturday August 3rd 2019

*Morning and afternoon events around the town
8.00pm at Minlaton Town Hall*

Sunday August 4th 2019

At the Minlaton Airfield—

*Mail drop , flyovers, model and vintage
aircraft, and more*



100 years ago, on August 6th, our own Harry Butler made the first flight over water in the southern hemisphere, to deliver airmail to Minlaton. It was a major event at the time, Let me share from 'The Harry Butler Story'

"Alarm for his safety was mounting when at last he approached the 20 hectare paddock which was to serve as his landing ground at Minlaton. Below him was spread a crowd of some 6,000 people, most of whom had never seen a plane before—some reputed to be standing on the roof of their house to get a look as he flew by. But now Harry Butler was home and this was his day. From 2500m in the air he rolled the plane gently on it side, side-slipped a little and then came down in a screaming nose dive"

Harry, somewhat of a larakin, was well known for his aerobatic antics.

He was born to fly. He joined the airforce and though his talents were used as an instructor he took every available opportunity to fly.

He brought back to South Australia civil aviation,

Check out our website, and come join us to celebrate this amazing historic feat.

<https://harrybutlerscentenary.wordpress.com>

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