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Alice Springs Welcomes Young Aviator on Epic Journey Around the World

Alice Springs Airport is proud to welcome 15-year-old pilot **Byron Waller** as he touches down in Central Australia on the first leg of his historic attempt to become the youngest supported pilot to circumnavigate the globe.

Departing Brisbane on Sunday morning, Byron's first day in the cockpit will see him fly via Roma to Alice Springs before continuing on a journey that will span 45,000 kilometres, 30 countries, and all seven continents over the next two months.

Byron is no stranger to record-breaking flights – at just 14, he became the youngest person to fly around Australia, all while managing a new diagnosis of Crohn's disease, a chronic inflammatory condition.

Through this challenge, Byron hopes to inspire other young people living with the illness to dream big and believe no obstacle is insurmountable.

Tony Schulz, General Manager, Alice Springs Airport, said Byron's arrival is a moment of pride for the region.

"Byron's determination, skill, and courage are remarkable, and we are thrilled to welcome him to Alice Springs on such a significant adventure. His story is an inspiration to aspiring aviators everywhere."

Byron's mum, Jeni Langdon, said her son's passion for flying has been unwavering.

"From the moment Byron first took the controls, we knew he was destined for extraordinary things. This journey is the result of years of dedication, training, and belief in himself."

Airport Development Group (ADG), operators of Alice Springs Airport, celebrate the commitment and resilience shown by Byron and are confident the next two months will be an extraordinary experience that Australia will proudly follow.

Byron's journey will take him across diverse landscapes and challenging conditions, with each landing marking another step toward his place in aviation history. Byron is an inspiration to all - "Dream it, Plan it, Do it."

Follow Byron's journey:

Flight Tracker – VH-ZMD

Instagram @teenpilotdownunder

Youtube - <http://bit.ly/45u3pOi>

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