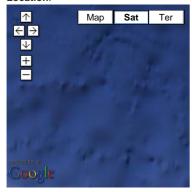


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Flight into Australian Antarctic history -South Magnetic Pole centenary flight 17 January 2009

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The Royal Society of Victoria, involved on polar (Antarctic) science since 1874 is conducting a flight to the South Magnetic Pole on 17 January 2009, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the first party (Australians Prof. Edgeworth David and Douglas Mawson and Scotsman Dr Alistair Mackay) to locate the Magnetic Pole in January 1909.

The 12 hour return flight ex Sydney and Melbourne has been arranged as an in-flight scientific program with international scientists presenting papers. Also onboard the 350 seat aircraft will be 60 final year students as "young science ambassadors" drawn from schools from all Australian States, New Zealand, Canada, Finland and the United Kingdom. A few seats are still available for interested scientists.

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The South Magnetic Pole is out to sea off Adelie Land, Antarctica.

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