

Vickers Vimy Enclosure, Adelaide Airport

Location: Sir Richard Williams Ave
Adelaide Airport, West Beach, SA

Completed in 1958, the purpose built enclosure for the Vickers Vimy was situated adjacent to the passenger terminal. With the opening of the new terminal in 2006, the Vimy enclosure is in the staff car park, some distance away.

The changing face of the enclosure:



circa 1958 (Maurice Austin Collection)



1969 (CAHS Collection 625)



2009 (Phil Vabre)

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Vickers Vimy crew sculptures

Sandstone wall depicting effigies of the Vickers Vimy G-EAOU crew, Captain Sir Ross Smith, Lieutenant Sir Keith Smith, Lieutenant James Mallett Bennett, and Lieutenant Walter Henry Shiers. The sculptures were completed by John Downie, and opened in 1958.

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'Lady Smith, widow of the late Sir Keith Smith, with Mr W.A.A. Peters, then acting State Manager, BP Australia Limited, and Mr E.C. Acres, President, Royal Aero Club of South Australia'. Keith Smith's widow Anita (formerly Crawford, nee Schmidt) died in 1986.

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Plaque added in 1992 to commemorate the centenary of the birth of Sir Ross Smith
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