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PEOPLE WITH DEAFBLINDNESS REACH FOR THE SKIES THIS WEEKEND

Almost 50 people with deafblindness will take to the skies above Mentone tomorrow as part of Able Day in the Sky 2013.

Now in its second year, Able Day in the Sky provides people who experience deafblindness with a rare opportunity to take a joy flight in a four-seater aircraft and experience the thrilling sensation of soaring above the clouds.

Able Day in the Sky will also be a great way to wrap up this week's International Volunteers Day (5 December), with more than 80 support workers, volunteers and interpreters lending their support to help bring the day to life.

This remarkable experience has been made possible through the generous support of the Royal Victorian Aero Club, Aero Bar & Restaurant and the Australian National Aviation Museum.

Deafblindness (also called dual sensory loss) is the combination of both hearing and vision impairment. More than 332,000 Australians currently experience deafblindness – a figure that is expected to reach 1.3 million by 2050 as the population ages.

WHAT: Able Day in the Sky 2013
WHEN: Flights 10am – 12pm and 1pm-2pm, Saturday 7 December
WHERE: Royal Victorian Aero Club – Aero Bar & Bistro
Bundora Parade, Moorabbin Airport, Mentone

About Able Australia: Able Australia is a not-for-profit organisation providing services to people living with multiple disabilities, including deafblindness and in community programs. With offices in Victoria, Tasmania, ACT and Queensland, our vision is to create a community where the people we support are seen, heard, respected, valued and connected.

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