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Another amazing customer feedback reaches us from Australia!

Southern Cross Flight Simulator Services (SCFSS) is located at Goolwa airport in SA (South Australia). "There are no aeroplanes, just the one simulator. I am what they call here a sole trader", says **Dave Holbourn, the owner operator at SCFSS**. "In this capacity I provide simulator training for the initial issue of an Instrument Rating – I carry this out under the authority and syllabus of Command Flight Training Flying School at Murray Bridge, SA. I also carry out the simulator part of the annual Instrument Rating Proficiency Check (IPC) and recency instrument flying practice". This all takes place on the iGATE S501 single pilot, multi-configurable, CASA approved FSD2 flight simulator, featuring King Air B200 and Piper Seneca III aircraft models.

"After my career with Cathay Pacific as a Boeing 747 Captain I worked as a simulator instructor with the University of South Australia Aviation Academy (UniSA Aviation Academy). In that capacity I instructed students with the simulator part of their initial instrument rating in their ELITE AT 11i Flight simulator training device. Several years later the UniSA Aviation Academy outsourced their training to another provider and I purchased their FSTD. With the support of CASA I started my training facility (SCFSS) at Goolwa, South Australia.

As a result I have been instructing on the ELITE Flight Simulation Training Device for over 10 years. As an experienced instructor I find that the ELITE FSTD instructor/simulator interface is very user friendly and absolutely versatile.

Several years ago I decided to completely upgrade the simulator with new software, new computers and a new enclosure. I then added my own custom built Instructor Cabin design. Mike Tavcar from ELITE's dealer Simflight P/L, in Melbourne provided excellent support – he came over from Victoria for the software and cockpit cabin upgrade together with Nat Crea from SimVIS, who installed the new visual system. The visual system is nothing short of outstanding and this together with such a reliable, easy to use and extremely realistic simulator makes for an excellent and very popular training facility.

As you can see from the photographs, in order to enhance realism, I had an extension added to the enclosure. The result has been excellent. The enclosure, in addition to the two front seats, has a jump seat behind the left seat and an instructors table behind the right seat. At the suggestion of several clients I have also added retractable seat belts for both of the front seats."

For **ELITE's Director Marketing & Sales René Huddlestone** this authentic customer feedback is another proof for ELITE's company philosophy and continuity in Swiss quality production at their location in Dübendorf, Switzerland. "It's very satisfying to see that professionals around the world with such illustrious careers favor ELITE Simulators. The modular build process allows for upgrades to be done even several years after the initial simulator purchase and the highest build quality ensures longevity at the same time. We are proud that aviation legends such as Dave Holbourn chose to use our simulator for his project."

A special note from **ELITE's dealer in Australia, Mike Tavcar BSc from Simflight P/L**: "Simflight first came across Dave Holbourn (now running Southern Cross Flight Simulator Services) when the ELITE Flight Simulator was installed at The University of South Australia back in 2008. Since then that unit was acquired by Dave and set-up at Goolwa airport, South Australia, a delightful country setting.

In 2019 I was approached by Dave to upgrade his device to an iGATE S501 level by adding a composite cockpit and some further modifications. Then we added a 220-degree curved projection screen running Lockheed Martin Prepar3D as the visual scenery engine. This system runs in sync with the ELITE proprietary XTS software. A fantastic combination that really lifted his system capability. The curved screen projection system was sub-contracted to SimVis, an Australian company specialising in curved screen systems.

Dave's trust in ELITE over the years is a testimony to the longevity and consistent serviceability of the ELITE product. The ability to work with ELITE to custom upgrade an existing customer is what stands out ELITE from the rest. We don't give up on a customer no matter how long they have used an ELITE product. Simflight Australia is an exclusive dealer and distributor for all ELITE products and has been since 1999 because, frankly, there's nothing better out there when it comes to a rock solid product and customer support."

Nat Crea, Director of SimVIS Simulator Visual Systems, gives an insight into his business: "In the past, a cost-effective visual system at FTD Level 5 and FNPT-II was unheard of. SimVIS can now design, supply and install a visual system for certified simulators quickly and economically. Whether OEM Manufacturer, University/Academic Institute or Entertainment business, our advanced techniques are thoughtfully designed to provide efficient and sustainable solutions and results. SimVIS Simulator Displays works with some of the most versatile Simulator manufacturers including ELITE to provide complete "out the window" packages based on COTS IG's such as Prepar3D and XPlane."

With the „out of the window“ HD and 4K UHD surround screen simulator visual solution package, the company SimVIS provides a very photorealistic enhancement second to none, adds SimVis director Nat Crea in the Interview. SimVIS has over 10 years experience in simulator visual systems in 15 countries and over 50+ installations. The geometrically correct FOV curved screens and seamlessly blended for superior viewing experience.

For more information on Dave Holbourn and his Southern Cross Flight Simulator Services view the excellent and informative video "Chatting with an Aviation Legend / VFR into IMC on a Flight Sim?" by Deadstick Adventures on Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L7MRZQpYed8>





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