

FLYING HIGH:
Georgina
Simons, 16,
tries
her hand at flying
at the simulator
at the Regional
Express 10th
anniversary on
Saturday.

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Michael Frogley



Rex celebrates 10 years in the air

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REGIONAL Express Airlines (Rex) has revealed it was overwhelmed with the Wagga community's support for its 10-year anniversary celebrations at the weekend.

With market stalls, rides for kids, live entertainment and the chance to try your hand at flying your very own aircraft, there was no shortage of

things to do for the thousands who passed through the Australian Airline Pilot Academy.

But for most, it was not the attractions on the day that made them want attend the celebration – it was the pride they felt for Australia's largest independent regional airline.

"We were really overwhelmed with the turnout and how the Wagga community

got behind the event," network strategy general manager Warrick Lodge said.

"It was also a great day for many of our staff, too, who got to sit back and reflect on the last 10 years and there was a sense of pride there."

The flight simulator was the highlight of the day for Georgina Simons, 16, who attended the event as part of the Leisure Company's

Leisure Link program.

"It was amazing and a strange feeling," she said.

Opposition Leader Tony Abbott also travelled to Wagga to congratulate Rex on its milestone – managing to fit in the Lake to Lagoon run while in the city.

All proceeds from the day were donated to Riverina charities Country Hope and Can Assist.