

## Douglas DC-2

**The Douglas DC-2 began a revolution in air transport in the 1930s. It introduced new standards in speed, comfort and efficiency and led to introduction of the larger DC-3. Four DC-2s were imported into Australia in the late 1930s.**

The Douglas DC-2 was designed in response to the slightly earlier Boeing 247. The first one made its premier flight 11 May 1934 and they entered service with TWA a week later. With their speed and comfort they were immediately popular with passengers and the airlines. A total of 198 were manufactured.

After the government lifted its ban on importing American aeroplanes in 1935 four DC-2s were imported in 1936 and 1937. They flew on Australia's main air routed in conjunction with four DC-3s. The first Australian DC-2 was the Bungana which began flying locally in April 1936, popularizing modern civil aviation in Australia.

This model represents VH-USY (Bungana) flying for Holymans Airways in April 1936.

**Data:** *Engine* two Wright GR-1820-F53 Cyclone radial piston engines of 540kW each. *Wing span* 25.9m. *Length* 18.9m. *Gross weight* 8.420kg. *Cruising speed* 310km/h. *Range* 1,600km. *Accommodation* 14 passengers. *Crew* 2 to 3.

*MPM* 1/72 kit with home made decals completed by Leigh Edmonds in October 2016.



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