

737 QUICKLY EXTINGUISHED

The Aero Club of Southern Tasmania had a specially arranged tour of the Aviation Rescue and Fire Fighting Services, fire training ground and fire station. 33 people jumped at the opportunity to see Hobart Airport's fire fighting capability. "I can assure you when we have emptied 12,000 litres of water and foam from



Above: The demonstration involved a fuel fire on a 737 aircraft. Fuel was laid around the Fire Ground and for more realism fuel was also pumped from the engine, as in a fire with ruptured fuel lines or fuel tank puncture. Once ignited two fire tenders raced in to extinguish the blaze.



Above L: Fire Commander Phil McGowan, Pilots Hugh Garnham and Frank Leibfried look over the 737 interior just prior to it also being engulfed in flames and filled by thick

PLENTY PLANNED FOR THE VISIT

Four Aero Club members got to ride in the Fire Tenders back to the Fire Station. When the call went out by Fire Commander, John Groves, there was no shortage of takers. Below: Pilot, **Bain Morgan**, thumbs up, scored the front seat in the 28 tonne fire fighting vehicle. This is a serious fire fighting machine that is deployed anywhere around Hobart Airport in two minutes.

the fire tenders in under two minutes there won't be any fire left." said a confident Fire Commander Phil McGowan. It took only moments, once the water and foam struck the intense fuel fire, to extinguish the blaze and the firemen could start to access the fuselage.



smoke. Once the firefighters had the exterior safe they moved onto the interior using ladders and breathing apparatus. "We aim for as a crew, from leaving the Station to be inside the fuselage in three and a half minutes." Phil said.

