



TAKE OFF: Leisure Company Program participant Gerry Arbutckld took control of the Saab 340 simulator at REX's Australian Airline Pilot Academy. **Picture:** Steff Wills

Tour takes four to the stars

LEISURE Company participants were flying high on Tuesday, following a rare tour of a flight simulator.

The four Riverina residents were thrown into a pilot's world as they toured the Saab 340 simulator at REX's Australian Airline Pilot Academy.

The activity offered participants like Gerry Arbutckld and Jacob Power the op-

portunity to "experience something that wasn't run of the mill".

"It's part of an experiences group," Mr Arbutckld said. "It's not something you get to do every day and we quite appreciate it."

Mr Power said he loved the aircraft.

"It's awesome," he said.

With their feet firmly on the ground, the partici-

pants-come pilots were taken through the cockpit and shown the inner-workings of the simulator - designed to mirror a Rex's aircraft and test its cadets' ability to handle emergencies in the air.

Leisure Company worker Kim Webb-Wagg said the excursion was part of a program that provided varied experiences and "something different".