

Event Notes

28th April 2021

Overview

Pilot entries are closed and we are blown away (pun intended) to have 34 pilots registered for the event this year. This will easily make this the biggest balloon event in the Country for 2021. Thankyou to all of you for sticking with us while we have been working hard to rebuild this event after a tough couple of years.

Only 2 weeks to go so there is a lot happening in town.

Apart from the competition team who we have introduced in the last message I want to also introduce you to the rest of the organising committee. They are all Canowindra locals and all first timers to this event. Without their support and hard work this event would not be happening.

They are: Andrew PULL, Annette THOMAS, Kim NICOLAIDES-McKENZIE and Jaymee CROWE

You will get to meet the team across the week, please make sure you thank them for their hard work.

Official Noticeboard – ALL PILOTS

This year all information related to the event will be posted on the Official Noticeboard which will be an Electronic Noticeboard only. This includes maps, waypoints, PZs, rules and scores. You can find it here:

<https://watchmefly.net/events/event.php?e=cano2021&v=enb>

CASA Waiver

As per other years we will once again be operating under a CASA waiver for an Air Display. We are still waiting on finalisation of the waiver from CASA but expect to have it shortly. We will distribute this to all pilots prior to the event. Before flying in the event you must have signed the waiver and agree to follow the rules for the Air Display as set out by CASA and the event organisers.

Briefings - UPDATE

All Briefings will be held at the Canowindra Community Centre located at the end of the main street opposite memorial park.

Master Briefing Will be held at 4pm on Sunday 25th April at the Canowindra Community Centre. For those flying the back half of the week we will run a separate briefing for you on your arrival to town, prior to flying.

Briefings on Sat 24th and Sunday 25th will take place at 5:30am.

Parking and entry to briefing

The area immediately in front of the Community Centre has a lot of residents opposite who will not appreciate our early starts every morning. Therefore we have set up a different parking area to the side of the facility in the railway yards. Please use this area when accessing the building.

Access to the briefing hall will be from the side door of the Hall, not the main entry at the front. See the pictures below for further explanation:



Street Parade – Saturday 1st May – 10:00am

The town has organised a street party in the Main Street of Canowindra from 9am until 1pm on Saturday 1st May. All Pilots and crews are asked to participate in this short parade from 10:00am. Teams will be introduced as they roll down the main street with burners going.

Please plan for this and decorate your basket and vehicles in a party theme.

WhatsApp group

We will be setting up a whatsapp group in the next couple of days to communicate to all participants during the week. If you See this invitation pop up on your device please accept the invitation.

Extra Information for COMPETITION PILOTS

Rule Book

The official rule book for the 2021 Canowindra International Balloon Challenge is now available on the Electronic Noticeboard.

<https://watchmefly.net/events/event.php?e=cano2021&v=enb>

There are several changes to the rule book from previous years. Competition Pilots should take extra note of the following sections:

SECTION I - EVENT DETAILS

SECTION II - COMPETITION DETAILS

II. 13 - LOCATION OF OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD

II.17 - DETAILS FOR THE USE OF GPS LOGGERS

4.1 - EVENT DIRECTORS

4.3.5 - ALTERNATIVE METHOD TO SELECT A JURY

6.11 - FLIGHT REPORT FORM (FRF)

6.10 - HANDLING

These rules may be altered prior to the beginning of the event and any newer versions will be posted on the Electronic Noticeboard.

WatchMeFly Registrations

As mentioned in the previous Newsletter, it would be great if all competition pilots could sign up to WatchMeFly. This will make your lives and (more importantly) the officials' lives a lot easier during the event. Go to <https://watchmefly.net> to sign up.

FAI Balloon Live App

This will be the first Australian event to use the FAI Balloon Live App and we want to make sure everybody is comfortable using the App before the event. The App is used in conjunction with the new FAI balloon live loggers as a replacement for the old FAI loggers most of you are familiar with. The ABF have a pool of these new sensors and have graciously loaned them to our event free of charge.

While it is possible to run the app on your phone, we strongly encourage you to have a standalone device in the basket to run the Balloon Live App on.

If you have not already done so, please make sure you download the FAI Balloon Live App from the Apple App Store or the Android Store. It will work on Apple devices (iPhones and iPads) and Android devices (phones and tablets).

NOTE: The App CANNOT run on Windows based computers or devices. In other words you can't run it on your Computer you are using for OziExplorer, this is why you will need another device.

Battery Life

The App will be using location services on your phone for the duration of each flight. If you don't think your device will have enough battery life to last the entire flight, you may want to consider also carrying an external battery.

Practice Flight – Balloon Live App

We have set up a Practice Flight and have sent all competition pilots (that are registered on WatchMeFly) a Balloon Live Token via email. This will allow you to test the Balloon Live App in Competition Mode and we can ensure that the data is being transmitted correctly before you arrive in Canowindra.

Please take some time to watch the instructional video (see below) and practice using the App with this token. Take the app for a flight or a walk around the block and drop some markers and declare some goals.

If you have not received your token or have any questions, please contact Andrew Robertson on Facebook Messenger or at auntymonkey@gmail.com

For any questions about the Balloon Live App, please go to <https://balloonlive.org/> where there are heaps of FAQs and detailed instructions



Instructional Video - Balloon Live App and Flight Report Form

To help you learn how to use the Balloon Live App and the new digital Flight Report Forms, we have put together a short instructional video.

<https://vimeo.com/533946857/19c4509cd2>

If you have any further questions about the above or anything competition related, please contact Andrew Robertson on Facebook Messenger or at auntymonkey@gmail.com

If anyone has any questions please give me a call on 0459 847 846

See you in Canowindra very soon!

Adam



4 Podium Places
2013, 2014, 2017, 2018



3 Podium Places
2015, 2016, 2018