

## Event Notes

19th April 2021

### Overview

Well the event is upon us. After a very long hard slog of planning and prep work its going to be great to finally see the event take to the air. Long range forecast looks positive so we should get some great flying in.

### CASA Waiver

The CASA Waiver for this event is attached to this email. Please read it and make sure you understand its contents. 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.

We will have a signature sheet available at every briefing for you to sign.

### Safety Officer

We have a change to the safety officer for the event. Unfortunately, Steve Griffin is unavailable due to last minute family commitments. We will now run with two Safety officers across the event.

Weekends – Adam Barrow – 0459 847 846

Mid Week – David Bain – 0412 344 104

We cant thank Dave enough for agreeing to fill the gap at the very last minute. We would also like to thank Matt and the team at Balloon Aloft for making Dave available to the event.

Safety is one of the pillars of a successful event and its great to have some with Dave's experience both in balloon operations and safety.

### Insurance

Reminder: You must be named on the policy for the aircraft you are flying OR you must be able to prove you meet the other criteria on the policy such as no incidents/claims and hours.

Many of you are borrowing aircraft from others so please ensure you have this in place before flying at the event. This is to protect you as much as it is to protect us.

We will ask to see evidence of your insurance prior to flying in the event.

## Refuelling

Reminder: LPG is not free at this years event but it has been discounted by Supagas to 65.9c/L. We will be providing it to you at this price.

You will be required to pay for fuel at the time it is dispensed. This will be by credit card using our Square payment devices. We will not be issuing invoices or tallying up for payment at the end of the week.

Please make sure you have a credit card available to pay for LPG prior to attending refuelling

## 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>

## Briefings - UPDATE

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

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

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.

**Please bring copies of your Insurance to the first briefing you attend so we can sight it and confirm its validity.**

Alternatively, you can email it to me prior at [xltaaus@gmail.com](mailto:xltaaus@gmail.com)

## Extra Information for COMPETITION PILOTS

### Rule Book Update (Version 2)

We have published a new version of the rule book on the Electronic Noticeboard. The main change is around the usage of the Balloon Live Sensors. Please see the ENB post for details of the rule changes.

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

### 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.

### Map and Goal List

The digital map and official goal list are now available on the Electronic Noticeboard.

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

**Note:** The PZ list (coming out soon) has changed a lot from previous years. As a result the Map does not have any PZs included on it. We will provide OziExplorer PLT files with the PZs. Also, as a result of these PZ changes, the Goal list has had a few goals removed. These are listed on the ENB.

### Balloon Live Sensors

We are very excited that Canowindra will be the first event in the world to use the new FAI Balloon Live Sensors. The Balloon Live Sensors (BLS) close the gap of the Balloon Live App running on many different phones and the need for precise GPS and barometric measurements. This is done using an external sensor that connects to the app.

The units have just arrived in Australia and the ABF have kindly provided theirs to the Canowindra so that pilots who don't have one will be able to borrow one for the event. There are a number of pilots that have purchased their own BLS units and they will be able to be picked up in Canowindra before the event.

If you would like to practice using the BLS before the competition starts, you will be able to get one from Andrew Robertson in Canowindra from Thursday 22nd.

For more information about the BLS go to  
<https://balloonlive.org/about-balloon-live-sensor/>

## Balloon Live App testing

From what we can see very few people have tested their Balloon Live App in competition mode yet. We would really love it if people could test this before coming to Canowindra. It should only take 5 minutes. These are the basic steps:

1. Open the Balloon Live App
2. Change Mode to "Competition Mode"
3. Enter the Token (you will have received this in the mail if you are a WatchMeFly member)
4. Click "Start Flight"
5. Stand outside (with satellite coverage) for a couple of minutes.
6. Optional - Drop a marker and/or declare a goal
7. Click "Stop Flight"
8. Log into WatchMeFly and check your data is there (or ask Andrew Robertson if it worked)

There is a video that explains how it works here <https://vimeo.com/533946857>

## Technology Support/Training

We are well aware that a lot of new technology is being introduced this year, especially with the Balloon Live App and the Balloon Live Sensors.

We are going to have a two training sessions on the afternoons to show you how to use the new technology and This will allow us to check everything is connecting correctly before the competition starts. Both Sessions will be at the competition centre:

Session 1: 2pm Saturday 24th April

Session 2: 2pm Sunday 25th (before the General Briefing).

Please attend one of these sessions if you can as we don't want to spend the whole week providing Tech Support (or issuing Logger Handling penalties).

However... please still test your Balloon Live app and device before arriving. We don't want you showing up with a device that does not work.

As always, let Andrew Robertson know if you have any questions or issues on 0413 740 286 or [auntymonkey@gmail.com](mailto:auntymonkey@gmail.com)

## FAI Balloon Live App

Some people have been asking about this so we wanted to make this really clear:

- You will need a new device in the basket to run the Balloon Live App
- This device must be an Android or Apple mobile device
- This is separate to the Balloon Live Sensor we will issue you
- Cannot use your surface pro device or other windows laptop
- It can be your phone but we strongly advise against this

### 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](mailto: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

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

See you in Canowindra very soon!

Adam