

54th Nationals Busselton Western Australia

Saturday 21st April – Friday 27th April 2001

Busselton is located 250km to the south of Perth. The surrounding districts contain some of the most scenic tourism areas in the state. The coastline is noted for its clean beaches for swimming, fishing or diving. Close by are the excellent wineries of the Margaret River region. The area is the major holiday area for Perth residents and accommodation is at a premium during the Xmas and Easter holidays. The Busselton region is somewhat cooler than Perth. A trip to the Nationals is suitable for the whole family as there are many sightseeing opportunities and holiday activities within short driving distance.

Medical

Busselton has a modern hospital and St Johns ambulance. The major medical facilities are within five minutes of the proposed Nationals headquarters.

Weather

After Easter the weather is at its best. Days should be mainly fine with maximums up to 30 degrees but nights can be decidedly cool. Weak cold fronts may brush the south coast at this time of year but generally cause only weak showers that clear quickly. This is the calmest period of the year.

Nationals administration headquarters.

There are two possible venues.

The Busselton Hockey Stadium at Bovell Park Sports complex has excellent facilities and bar. It is central to most events. Grass Control line events are held here.

Under construction at Busselton airport is the Busselton Aero Club headquarters. This site appears to also be suitable. Some R/C events, eg Scale and pylon and C/L bitumen events will be sited here.

Flying Sites

Radio control.

1. Busselton regional airport located within 10km of the centre of Busselton. The taxi ways and hard stand provide excellent facilities for Scale and Pylon events. It is not necessary to close the runways but competitions may be halted to allow for scheduled aircraft movements. At present there are only three scheduled services a week to Busselton arriving and departing prior to 8am.
2. Peppermint hill flying field. This is a club field – the home of SWARMS – the host club for the Nationals. It has an under cover pit area and administration caravan. Old Timer events and aerobatics can be run here.
3. Fishers Paddock (Stratham) is within 10km of the Peppermint Hill field. At the intersection of Boyanup West Road and the Bunbury Augusta Road it is our field for R/C Glider and Electric events.

Control line.

1. Busselton Hockey Stadium. The stadium has excellent grass fields for grass C/L events.
2. Busselton regional airport hard standing areas will provide two large bitumen circles.

Free Flight.

Taylor's farm is situated 5km from Capel, midway between Bunbury and Busselton. It is not far from Peppermint Hill flying field.

Indoor. Busselton recreation centre is a brand new facility on Queen Elizabeth Drive and is suitable for all indoor events.

All flying sites are within 30km of Busselton and within short travelling distances of each other.

Accommodation

There is no shortage but early bookings will be essential. At Easter there is high demand but accommodation is much easier to organise after Easter.

Caravan Parks

Busselton Caravan Park	08 97521175
Busselton Holiday Village	08 9752 4499
Kookaburra Caravan Park	08 9752 1516
Lazy Days Caravan Park	08 9752 1780
Mandalay Caravan Park	1800 248 231

Motels

Busselton Jetty Chalets	1800 628 688
Ammaroo Motor Lodge	08 9752 1544
Busselton Villas	08 9752 1175

Abbey Beach Resort 1800 017097

Hotels

Esplanade Hotel 9752 1078
Vasse Hotel 9752 1455
Ship Hotel 9752 3611

This is just a small selection. There are many more.

Proposed Events Western Australia has traditionally run a small number of events. In order to have reasonable numbers in each event and to save cancellations we will run events that successfully run in WA now as State events. We have tried to put in enough events to make specialist fliers still come to WA to compete. Because of the holiday nature of Busselton accommodation in chalets, caravans etc is on a weekly basis starting on Saturday and finishing Saturday. It is our proposal to run only six competition days. The first Saturday is to move in and processing will be a late afternoon – evening affair with competition commencing on the Sunday.

Radio Control

Glider events - F3B, F3J, Thermal, 7 cell electric, F5B electric handicap (7, 10 and 27 cell), R/C Hand launched glider
Old Timer - Duration, Texaco, 1/2A Texaco, Standard Duration.
Pylon - F3D, QM, 1/2A., Sports pylon.
Scale - F4C, Stand Off, Giant.
Aerobatics - Sportsman, IMAC sportsman..
Helicopter - Advanced only

Control line

Combined Speed, F2C T/R, Goodyear, Bendix, Vintage A, Vintage Combat, F2B aerobatics, FAI and Australian fast combat (combined)

Free Flight

Hangar Rat, Peanut Scale, Scramble – day and night, A/2, F1B, P30 & Open Rubber, F1J & Open Power, HLG.

Other events may be added to this list. Five names of guaranteed entrants accompanied by \$50 non refundable per entrant (\$250 per event) should be sent to Fred Adler (phone 08 92769821)by June 30th 2000 to allow the event to be programmed.