

# BUSSELTON NATIONALS 2001

## 54<sup>th</sup> Australian Nationals. April 21<sup>st</sup> – April 27<sup>th</sup> 2001.

### Accommodation.

Busselton during the school holidays is a busy town. Accommodation should be booked as early as possible or you may find it difficult. Detailed examples of accommodation are attached. Please book through the Tourist Bureau giving clear indication you are attending the model aircraft championships. They will attempt to book you into the accommodation recommended so that the Nats doesn't get too scattered and is very social.

**Beachlands Holiday park.** a wide range of well appointed accommodation units as well as shady camping and caravan sites. eg. Park cabins @ \$330.00 p/week aprox

**Vasse River Resort.** offers various styles of rooms from single through to family. e.g. single p/night @\$70.00 – family p/night @\$99.00 ( enquire for weekly rate )

**Abbey Beach Resort.** A really top resort with all the trimmings. e.g. 1 b/room p/night @\$155.00, 2 b/room p/night @\$187.00, (specials apply for week stays )

For accomodation bookings contact Sue Everingham at the Busselton tourist bureau for an information pack and or bookings. Ph – ( 08 ) 9752 1288.

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### Weather

After Easter the weather's at its best. Days should be mainly fine with maximums around 25 degrees but nights can be cooler.

### Getting to WA.

It's a long way – true. But if WA competitors can attend a Nats in the East then you can come west. It is costly. These tips may help. They come from experience.

Driving. If you've never done it before do it before you get too old. With the cost of petrol you need three or four in the car. For your models – tow a trailer or send them road freight direct to your accommodation. It will take you three days driving but its something you just have to do once in your life. Standing on the edge of Australia looking from the cliffs on the Nullabor over the Southern ocean is a once in a lifetime experience. If you are too old for this adventure hire a bus between a group. There is plenty of room for models underneath.

Flying. You can reduce the cost by advance purchase airfares. If you haven't booked by Christmas it gets expensive. Travel on the late night flights is a lot cheaper. You can get a model box on as a second piece of luggage. Usual cost \$10 each way. Don't expect to bring fuel by air. Nicads have to be packed in certain ways. How big a box ? Usually 450mm square by 1.2 metres or so will get through OK. The AWA president attends jet meets on the East coast. His model box fills the back of a Falcon wagon ( back seat down). That's pushing your luck for \$10.

Train. Not cheap - but one of the great railway journeys of the world.

Car Hire. From the airport – not cheap but convenient. Quite reasonable if you share. Light utes are cheaper to hire than cars. For cheap hire cars try Bayswater hire cars about \$25 a day for Corollas. Bigger cars from Carousel Rent a Car.

Go on – this is the excuse you have been looking for to come West.

### Organising committee Contacts

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Please note - 1) the above are home phone numbers. 2) when calling, Perth is 2 hours behind Eastern Std Time.

Date	Activities	R/C at SWARMS	R/C at airport	R/C Haddons field	C/L at airport	Hockey field	F/F Grass field
Saturday 21st April	Registration and Processing	Practice		Practice			Practice
Sunday 22nd April	<b>Indoor night</b> Peanut scale Hangar rat R/C electric	<b>Aerobatics</b> 9.00am - IMAC sportsman	<b>Pylon</b> 9.00 - F3D ----- 1.00 pm Formula 400	<b>Glider</b> 9.00 am - Thermal	<b>Teamrace</b> 9.00 practice ----- 1.00 .. F2C		7.30am Open Rubber -----
Monday 23rd April		<b>Aerobatics</b> 9.00am - Sportsman	<b>Pylon</b> 9.00am - 1/2 A	<b>Glider</b> 9.00 am - F3J	<b>Teamrace-</b> ----- 1.00 Goodyear	<b>Helicopter</b> 8.00am F3C Advanced Novice	7.30am F1B Rubber ----- 7.30pm Night Scramble
Tuesday 24th April	<b>Helicopter</b> night flying demonstration BBQ	<b>Aerobatics</b> 9.00 Advanced combined	<b>Pylon</b> 9.00am - Sports	<b>Electric</b> 9.00 am - handicap ( 7, 10, 27 cell )	<b>Speed</b> 9.00 - combined -----	<b>Helicopter</b> 8.00am continued. <b>Combat</b> 1.00 pm- 2.5cc Fast	7.30am Open Power -----
Wednesday 25th April	BUY, SELL and SWAP night	<b>Old-timer</b> 9.00 . Duration	<b>Scale</b> 9.00am - F4C	<b>Electric</b> 9.00 am - 7 cell		<b>Aerobatics</b> 9.00am  - F2B	7.30am - F1A Glider ----- 3.00 pm H.L.G. 4.30pm Day Scramble
Thursday 26th April		<b>Old-timer</b> 9.00 1/2 A texaco Std Duration	<b>Scale</b> 9.00am - Stand-off	<b>Glider</b> 9.00 am - F3B		<b>Teamrace</b> 9.00 - Bendix ----- 1.00 pm- Vintage A	7.30am P-30 Rubber -----
Friday 27th April	Nationals presentation Dinner	<b>Old-timer</b> 9.00 : Texaco	<b>Scale</b> 9.00am - Large	<b>Glider</b> 9.00 am - hand launch.		<b>Combat</b>  ----- 1.00 - Vintage	7.30am F1J Power -----

Notes - Free Flight events .... F1A Glider and F1B Rubber to have seven rounds.

Helicopter .... F3C, Advanced, Novice are all run concurrently. starting 8.00am 23rd April and finishing by 12.00 midday 24th April.

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