

NORTHAM WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Northam Ballooning Events, along with its major partners, Tourism WA and the Shire of Northam, are delighted to invite you to participate in the rescheduled National Championships, postponed from 2021.

The 23rd Australian National Ballooning Championships will be held in Northam from 8th to 13th May 2023, with check-in on 5th May 2023. Many of you will already know of the friendly, welcoming and helpful people of Northam.

The event is organized by Northam Ballooning Events (NBE) and is supported by Tourism WA, the Shire of Northam, ABF, Northam Aero Club, local businesses and community organisations.

How we can help:

NBE will make a contribution towards a shipping container (east coast, VIC or NSW, to Northam Airfield & return) to support the provision of secure freight.

Pilots will be provided with LPG, FOC, for the duration of the Championships.

Pilots will also receive complimentary participation medals and other event mementos.

NBE will assist with provision of local crew, and if possible, driver, vehicle and loan trailer, on request. We understand that many will reactivate friendships & crew from past years.

On arrival and after completion of check-in we offer each pilot:

- \$500 cash.
- Pilot (plus 1) will receive event clothing FOC.
- Pilot (plus 1) will receive complimentary tickets to the presentation dinner.

The Championship:

We have many familiar faces in the Event Team, including Gary Lacey (Director), John Wallington (Safety Officer), Don Whitford (Meteorologist and Steve Ireland (Chief Scorer).

The Event will be used by the ABF in defining the Australian Nominations for coming International events.

The nomination fee is \$250 and registrations should be received by 31 December 2022. In order to enter, you will need:

- 30 hours in command Hot Air Balloons
- \$2m Insurance cover with confirming documentation
- Balloon Airworthiness and Currency documentation
- Operational Currency documentation
- Current FAI Sporting Licence

Once again we will be delighted to Welcome you back to Northam (best start planning!)

If you have any questions please contact Northam Ballooning Events:

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