

# MEET THE PILOTS

## Adam Barrow VIC/NZ

Adam has been ballooning for 40 years and built the balloon he is flying. He has built 7 balloons, is an event organiser and says that he is a very average competition pilot 😊

### **Balloon information**

VH ZKU  
Kiwi Racer  
Black/ White/ Silver  
Experimental BM 70



## Andrew Clements WA

Andrew is a local pilot of 25 years experience. He has flown in 3 Nationals and will be dedicating these nationals to his wife Belinda, who he met through Ballooning.

### **Balloon information**

VH ACU  
Jenna  
Yellow with a multi horizontal colours  
Kavanagh D 90



## Kevin Cooper NSW

Kevin has 400 flying hours and holds a CPL and British PPL and has flown in all states and territories of Australia as well as Spain, Italy, Philippines and Germany.

### **Balloon information**

VH IXW Cloud hopper one Ultra magic 31  
VH IXU Cloud hopper two Kavanagh 65

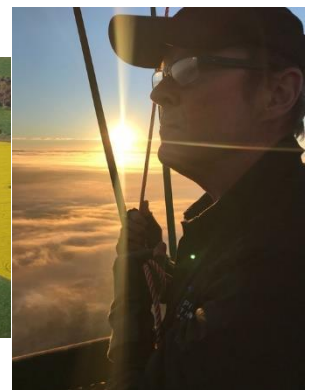


## Curtis Greenwood VIC

Curtis has been working in the ballooning industry since 2007, flying balloons for 10 years, and gained his Commercial Ballooning Pilot licence in 2018. He presently flies passengers for Goldrush Ballooning in Milawa and Mansfield, in Victoria.

### **Balloon information**

VH CQK  
Gecko  
Multi coloured  
Kavanagh 77



### Alana Kahl ACT

Alana is a private pilot originally from Queensland and now residing in Canberra. While still relatively new to ballooning, having achieved her licence in 2018, competition was always her focus. Alana also crewed and navigated at the 2017 Junior world championships and the 2018 USA Womens Nationals and is looking forward to flying "Wattle Happen" her Green and Gold racer in her second National event.

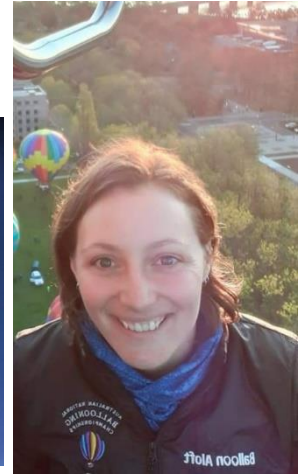
#### **Balloon information**

VH CVX

Wattle Happen

Green and yellow

Kavanagh EX 60



### Andrew Robertson NSW

Andrew has been involved with ballooning since he was 4 and has been a pilot for 27 years. He has competed at the Worlds in 2006, 2010, and 2018 in Austria where he came 23rd. Andrew flies "Balloony McBalloonface".

#### **Balloon information**

VH WUW

Balloony McBalloonface.

Yellow with a very happy face

Kavanagh EX60



### Les Springett NSW

Les has been involved in ballooning since 1979, and a pilot since 1991. He has represented Australia overseas at the highest level, including a World championship. Les has attended all Australian National Ballooning Championships since 1981. In Northam, Les has attended previously as crew, an official, and since 1992 a competitor.

#### **Balloon information**

VH OTS

Hot Stuff

Navy, blue, teal, yellow and red.

Kavanagh EX 77



### Peter Stephenson WA

"Pete the pilot" is from Perth, and has been flying balloons for the past 5 years, after going to Mondovi, Italy to train. He has also flown light aircraft and hang gliders in younger years.

Peter, and his navigator Brian, have been interested in ballooning since their failed attempts to set up the Nottingham University Hot Air Balloon Club in 1978. Team Mario have flown at Canberra, Canowindra and Northam and are excited to compete and be part of the fun in Northam 2021.



**Balloon information**

Registration   VH-MNS

Name           Mario

Colour         Blue

Balloon make       Kavanagh D77