

The ABF has invited Northam to conduct the Australian National Hot Air Ballooning Championships in 2021. The FAI has postponed the 5th Women's World Championships at Northam and they are now planned for 2023.



The Australian National Ballooning Championships will be held in Northam between 30 August and 04 September 2021. Many of you will know of the friendly, welcoming and helpful people of Northam. We invite balloonists to the Championships in Northam.

The event is organized by Northam Ballooning Events (NBE) and is supported by the Shire of Northam, the Northam Aero Club and the Northam Chamber of Commerce.

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

- \$250 accommodation voucher for Muresk Agriculture College. These vouchers are for accommodation at the College during the event only. They are transferable to other pilots and crew but not redeemable for cash.
- \$500 cash.
- Contribution towards a shipping container (east coast to Northam Airfield and return) to support the provision of secure freight.
- Pilot (plus 1) will receive event clothing FOC.
- Pilot (plus 1) will receive complimentary tickets to the presentation dinner.
- Pilot (plus 1) will receive tickets to a number of events being facilitated during the week in Northam.
- NBE will assist with provision of local crew as requested. We understand that many will reactivate friendships and crew from past years.
- Pilots will receive complimentary Western Australian Wine, participation medals and event mementos.

### **The Championship:**

We have many familiar faces in the Event Team including Gary Lacey (Director), John Wallington (Safety Officer), 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 nominations close on 30 June 2021. In order to enter, you will need:

1. 30 hours in command Hot Air Balloons
2. \$2m Insurance cover with confirming documentation
3. Airworthiness and Currency documentation
4. Operational Currency documentation
5. Current FAI Sporting Licence

Again we welcome you back to Northam (best start planning) and if you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Northam's Balloon Event Operations Manager Gren Putland on 0409 113 011.