

MAAA 57th Australian Nationals

Busselton, April 17 to 23, 2004

Mundijong, April 12 to 16, 2004



Accommodation in Busselton

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 has a wide range of well appointed accommodation units as well as shady camping and caravan sites. Park cabins @ \$400.00 per week are available.

Vasse River Resort offers various styles of rooms from single through to family. For example double p/night @\$80.10 – family p/night @\$103.50

For accommodation bookings contact Natasha Stewart at the Busselton tourist bureau for an information and or bookings. Phone 08 9752 1288 or Fax 08 9754 1470. email: bm@bsn.downsouth.com.au

Weather

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

Organising Committee Contacts

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Please note that the phone numbers above are home phone numbers and when calling, Perth is 3 hours behind Eastern Summer Time.

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. Busselton is a two and half hour drive south of Perth

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

Timing of Events

Most events will be in Busselton from April 17th to 23rd. However the RC Pylon events are scheduled for April 12th to 16th at KAMS feild in Mundijong which is about 25km south of Perth.