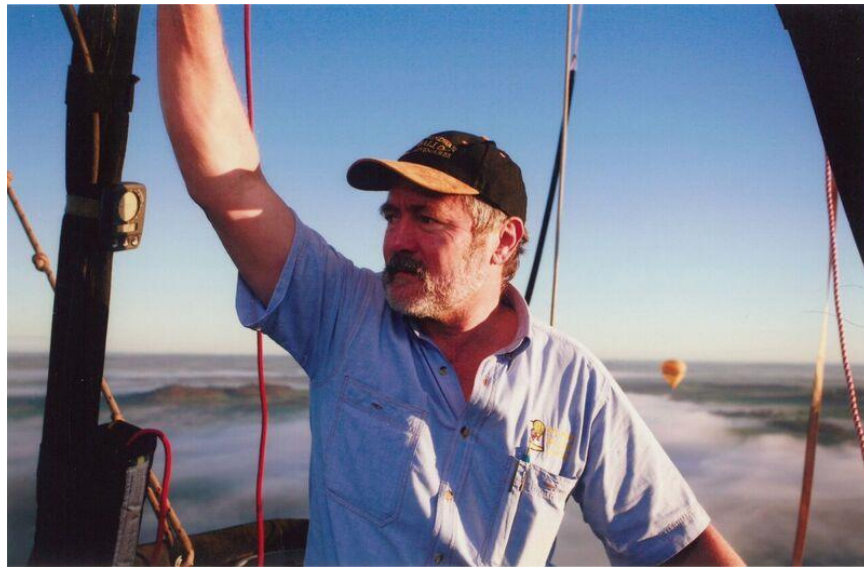




**FÉDÉRATION AÉRONAUTIQUE INTERNATIONALE
Ballooning Commission**

Hall of Fame Nomination

Gren (James) Putland



Nationality: Australia

Date and place of Birth: (Year/Month/Day): 1959 March 2
3, Northam, Western Australia

Highlights of Lighter Than Air history

1967 Commenced fixed wing training

1975 Achieved fixed wing light aircraft license

1976/7 Commenced training for ballooning license.

- Major coordinating roll in organising Northam Aero Club Airshows (including 747 flypast)

1978/9 Member of the Hong Kong Balloon & Airship Club.

- Commenced training of HKB&AC members at Northam.
- Assisted with various records flying retrieve.

- Airship ops Hong Kong.

1980 Australian Altitude record for AX 4 and 5.

1981 Completed British Balloon and Airship licenses.

- Commenced formal training of HKB&AC to UK standard.
- Investigated commercial operation proposal for Samburu Kenya.
- 1st Balloon flight from Rottnest Island to Perth.
- Seconded to DCA to assist with draft of the Australian Private Balloon Licencing requirements (95.54).
- Managed the Australian National Balloon Championships Northam.

1982

- Second Place Australian National Balloon Championships (Commonwealth Games) Gatton
- Conducted Training and logistics for Across Australia Super Pressure balloon flight.

1983

- Eighth Place World Balloon Championships Nantes.
- UK and Europe commercial tours.

1984

- Director Australian Balloon Championships Northam.
- UK and Europe commercial tours.
- Commenced Balloon component manufacture under licence.

1985

- Seconded to CASA to assist with draft of the Australian commercial licencing requirements (40.7)
- Australian Team logistics and navigator Battle Creek USA.

1986

- Gained Australian Commercial Balloon Licence.
- Seconded to CASA as a Commercial examiner (ATO) balloons.
- Appointed Chief Pilot Windward Ballooning.
- Chateau d' Oex Switzerland demonstrator flights.

1988

- Hang Glider drops at the Richmond Bi-Centennial Airshows.
- Commercial Airship tours Australia.

1990

- Awarded the Australian Ballooning Federation Gedge Trophy

1990- 1995 Australian CIA representative

1992

- Instructor and Examiner Australian Ballooning Federation.
- Life Member Australian Ballooning Federation.

1994

- Ground operations, logistics and retrieve for successful Japanese and World distance attempt Michio Kanda and Chikatsu (West Coast to Broken Hill).
- Life Member of Northam Aero Club

1995

- Ground operations, logistics and retrieve for successful Japanese and World duration attempt Maco Oiwa and Sab Ichiyoshi.
- Introduction of World Match Race Cup Mildura Australia.

1998 Jury Member Saga International Balloon Fiesta.

1999 to 2014

- President of Jury Saga International Ballooning Fiesta
- Member of Jury Motegi Japan

2001 Site controller (Logistics) Steve Fossett RTW attempt Northam.

2002

- Site controller (Logistics) Steve Fossett RTW attempt Northam.
- CIA observer RTW successful attempt Steve Fossett Northam.
- Inducted to the Australian Balloon Federation Hall of Fame

2006 Royal Federation of Aero Clubs Federation Award Services to Aerostation and Aero Clubs

2007 - 2016 Safety Officer Canberra Balloon Fiesta.

2015

- Chairman Australian National Ballooning Championships Northam.
- Jury Member Pre-World Championships Saga Japan.

2016

- Site and Logistics Co-ordinator Fedor Konukhov successful RTW flight Northam.
- Jury Member World Ballooning Championships Saga Japan.

2017 Chairman Australian National Ballooning Championships Northam