

YOU MUST READ THIS

2026 PILOT'S BRIEFING NOTES

REMEMBER - FOR F/F ONLY DIESEL ENGINES, GLOW OF LESS THAN 1CC – FOR C/L DIESEL OR UNMUFFLED GLOW - FOR R/C DIESEL ONLY – RUBBER AND F/F GLIDER IS ALSO OK
ELECTRIC IS FORBIDDEN

GENERAL

Welcome to Oily Hand Day at Cowra model aircraft club. Any problems or questions please direct them to either Andy Lockett or Ian Cole. The blokes at the club kitchen will be able to locate one of them if you can't.

The club kitchen is open all day for tea, coffee and tasty delights to keep you flying, chatting and checking out the car boot sales throughout the day.

Breakfast is served Saturday and Sunday mornings from dawn and lunch is available on both days. Sunday lunch will be from 11am to cater to those who need to leave early.

There will be two port-a-loos and a handwash station on site for your convenience. The club toilet will not be open as it is not designed to cope with the crowd at Oily Hand.

PARKING

There is plenty of parking at the main field, but you will need to park so everyone can get a spot. No parking in other areas of the farm.

FLYING

Only registered pilots are allowed in the flying area past the 30m line (marked by the fluoro flags) on the main field and in the F/F area. No Exceptions.

A note about Cowra MAC's CASA area approval

The two things to note are that for Oily Hand the ceiling is 1,500ft and the horizontal distance you can fly from the launch site is 500 meters. That shouldn't pose a problem if we take a bit of care. The other thing to be aware of is that if a full-size aircraft or a hot air balloon wanders into the vicinity they have priority. You need to keep away from them and get your aircraft on the ground if necessary.

F/F

The area for free flight will be the paddock to the north of the main strip. There is a stile over the fence adjacent to the Bungalow. Or, you can enter via the access gate on the laneway.

NB: The F/F site may be changed due to prevailing wind.

With the exception of scramble on Saturday afternoon, no free flight is to be flown from the main field.

Please make sure your model is set up and trimmed so it is not a hazard to other modelers, spectators and property. Be sure to take wind direction into account so your model does not end up near the Bungalow, parking area, main strip or other people.

There will be markers to show where the launch area is and an Oily Official will relocate them as needed.

The chance of a flyaway with F/F is on the cards. Take care with fuel allocation and trimming, we don't want you losing your model now do we?

R/C

R/C and R/C assist are flown from the eastern end of the strip. There is a barrier that separates this area from the C/L area. Of course, you can fly R/C assist on the allocated F/F field as long as it is hand launch and has flying characteristics compatible with F/F - no screaming banshees tearing up the bucolic ambience.

The full strip will be opened up for larger R/C models as needed.

To the north of the strip is a no-fly zone. Flying there is prohibited. There are people, cars and buildings as well as other pilots in that area.

There will be a time slot for 'Two or More Fin' flying after lunch on Saturday. Don't fly anything else off the main strip at this time. Enjoy some time watching the flying.

During the Plank racing on Sunday no other models are to be flown off the main strip.

As always co-operation between R/C and C/L activities will be needed.

C/L

There are two control line circles.

The main circle is directly in front of the Bungalow and will accommodate 60' lines. There is a marshalling area next to this circle. Run your lines out there so they will not get trampled by the over enthusiastic.

A second circle for 52' lines is at the western end of the strip. It is cordoned off so you can run your lines out along the strip.

Rules for flying lines

A thong restraint must be used for all control line flying above 0.8cc capacity.

Steel or stainless-steel lines must be used for all models powered by engines over 0.8cc.

Suitable fabric lines are ok for models below that capacity.

Line connectors must be specifically designed for control line. No keyrings, fishing clips/swivels or any type of connector from Bunnings.

All equipment must be capable of withstanding a 10 times model weight pull test. A test will only be required if your gear looks shonky.

Rules for flying

Only fly on the two dedicated C/L circles.

Don't walk across the circles. Keep off them unless you are flying or retrieving.

All observers are to be at least 5m back whilst models are flying.

Only the two or three people involved in starting and releasing the model may be closer than 5m when models are being started and launched.

FLY SAFE AND HAVE FUN