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**BATHURST AERODROME (YBTH)
MOUNT PANORAMA MOTOR RACES
08 - 11 OCTOBER 2026****1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 During the period 08 – 11 October 2026, a large number of air traffic movements associated with the Repco Bathurst 1000 Motor Race event are expected at YBTH and in the Bathurst area.
- 1.2 This SUP provides details of changes to airspace and procedures in the Bathurst area for the period including the weekend of the motor race.
- 1.3 All airspace users planning to conduct operations within the vicinity of YBTH during the period 08 – 11 October 2026 inclusive will be required to comply with the procedures detailed in this SUP.
- 1.4 The event will result in increased helicopter activity within the Bathurst area. Appendix 1 depicts temporary helipads and parking areas to be used during the event.
- 1.5 TRA R960, R961, and R962AB are illustrated at Appendices 2, 3 and 4.

- 1.6 In the interests of aviation safety, the following operations within R960 and R961 will be restricted by the Controlling Authority to remain clear of motor race event venues:
- all RPA operations;
 - gliding;
 - parachuting;
 - ultralights;
 - balloons;
 - microlights; and
 - weight shift microlights.

2. SUMMARY OF CHANGES

- 2.1 A Temporary Restricted Area (R960) centered on YBTH (5NM radius, refer Appendix 3) will be established in the interests of aviation safety on Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 October. The restricted area is necessary to exclude gliding, parachuting, ultralight, microlight and weight shift microlight activity in the interests of public safety.
- 2.2 A Temporary Restricted Area (R961) will be established at Mt Panorama from Thursday 08 October until Sunday 11 October inclusive due to the aerial filming helicopter operating at high speed with regular direction changes.
- 2.3 Temporary Restricted Areas R962A and R962B will be established at Mt Panorama for short periods between Thursday 08 and Sunday 11 October to provide for aviation safety during RAAF flying displays. Aircraft in the Mt Panorama area are required to be on the ground or remain clear of R962AB during TRA activation periods.
- 2.4 No Air Traffic Services will be provided in Temporary Restricted Areas R961 or R962AB.
- 2.5 The sealed parking pad to the north of the eastern end of RWY 08/26 will be allocated for parking of medium size twin engine aircraft that cannot be accommodated on the main sealed apron. RWY 08/26 is now all weather, and will be available for landing of light aircraft and taxiing to and from the parking pad. The Aerodrome Operator reserves the right to close RWY 08/26 as required for overflow parking should the sealed parking pad be full. This will be notified via NOTAM if closure is activated.

- 2.6 All aircraft landing on RWY 17/35 or RWY 08/26 and approved for parking on the apron, dropping off passengers, refuelling, or using light aircraft grass apron parking, should use the parallel taxiway (TWY C) instead of backtracking RWY 17/35.
- 2.7 Parking areas for light aircraft at YBTH are provided on grassed areas as depicted at Appendix 1. Grassed areas may become unavailable due to overcrowding, or unserviceable due to wet weather conditions. In such cases, operators should make alternative arrangements. The sealed apron is available to approved parking only. Aircraft unable to use the grassed areas and not approved for sealed apron parking will be required to relocate to another aerodrome after dropping off passengers, unless otherwise advised by the Aerodrome Operator.

3. AIRSPACE ARRANGEMENTS

3.1 Bathurst Temporary Restricted Area R960

Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 October 2026

Lateral Limits: A circle radius 5NM centre 332434S 1493907E (YBTH) excluding the Mount Panorama Helicopter Temporary Restricted Area R961 (refer Appendix 3).

Vertical limits: SFC - 8500FT AMSL

Broadcast Frequency: 127.35 MHZ (YBTH CTAF)

Hours of Activity: NOTAM

Controlling Authority: Bathurst Regional Council acting through the Bathurst Aerodrome Reporting Officer. Mobile: 0408 639 075 (H24) or email: airport@bathurst.nsw.gov.au

The Bathurst Temporary Restricted Area R960 is established in the interests of public safety due to an abnormally high number of aircraft movements expected in the vicinity of YBTH and Mt Panorama. Circuit training or aerial work in RAAus, SAFA or General Aviation aircraft during the hours of 0600 - 1100 Local or 1500 - 2000 Local is not permitted without the express permission of the Aerodrome Operator on Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 October (and is also precluded by the conditions of the Temporary Restricted Area R960).

- 3.2 Helicopters, aeroplanes and airships (VH- or foreign registered) DO NOT require permission or a clearance to enter or operate in R960.

3.3 Mount Panorama Helicopter Temporary Restricted Area R961**Thursday 08 to Sunday 11 October 2026****Lateral Limits:** A circle radius 1.5NM centre 332654S 1493306E (southern end mountain straight)**Vertical limits:** SFC - 5000FT AMSL**Broadcast Frequency:** 120.8 MHz**Hours of Activity:** NOTAM**Controlling Authority:** Orange Helicopters by phone on 0438 270 370, or via email: info@orangehelicopters.com.au.

- 3.4 The Mount Panorama Helicopter Temporary Restricted Area R961 is established to provide a safe operating environment for helicopter operations associated with the Repco Bathurst 1000 Motor Race. This also includes sightseeing flights and shuttle flights to and from the track and nearby HLS and operating in accordance with Section 6 of this AIP SUP.

3.5 Mount Panorama Aerobatic Temporary Restricted Area R962A**Thursday 08 to Sunday 11 October 2026****Lateral Limits:** A circle radius 5NM centre 332654S 1493306E (southern end mountain straight) excluding the portion east of the Sofala–Kelso–Oberon road.**Vertical limits:** SFC - 8500FT AMSL**Broadcast Frequency:** 120.8 MHz (R961 FREQ)**Hours of Activity:** NOTAM**Controlling Authority:** Orange Helicopters by phone on 0438 270 370, or via email: info@orangehelicopters.com.au.

3.6 Mount Panorama Aerobatic Temporary Restricted Area R962B

Thursday 08 to Sunday 11 October 2026

Lateral Limits: A circle radius 5NM centre on 332654S 1493306E (southern end mountain straight) excluding the portion east of the Sofala–Kelso–Oberon road.

Vertical limits: 8500FT AMSL – FL180

Broadcast Frequency: 120.8 MHz (R961 FREQ)

Hours of Activity: NOTAM

Controlling Authority: Orange Helicopters by phone on 0438 270 370, or via email: info@orangehelicopters.com.au.

- 3.7 Only display aircraft given a permission by the Controlling Authority will be permitted to operate within R962AB during activation periods.

4. AIR TRAFFIC SERVICES PROCEDURES

Note: Sunday 11 October 2026 only.

4.1 Arriving Aircraft:

- a) VFR flights must cancel SARTIME on arrival YBTH by one of the following methods:
- i) Telephone to CENSAR on 1800 814 931
 - ii) HF to Flightwatch, or
 - iii) VHF to ML CEN on 135.25 MHz.

Notes:

- Cancellation of SARTIME with ML CEN must only be used as a means of last resort. Refer to *AIP ERS A GEN-FIS Cancellation of SARTIME*.
- CAUTION: All IFR instrument approach holding patterns at Bathurst are left hand patterns.

4.2 Flight Plan notification or amendment

Flight plan notification or amendments to flight plans will not be accepted on 118.5, 135.25 or 123.9 MHz due to high workload and to avoid frequency congestion. Flight notification as per AIP should be adhered to, with any amendments or SARTIME nomination submitted to Flightwatch on HF or telephone to the Briefing Office on 1800 805 150.

4.3 Route Flight Planning Requirements

Aircraft departing YBTH are required to comply with route flight planning requirements per *AIP Charts* and *ERSA GEN-FPR*, while remaining clear of R961.

The following are flight planning options for jet aircraft departing YBTH with a destination in the Melbourne basin:

- Above FL180:

DCT BTH W386 VIRUR W654 WG W638 AY V147 TEMIS then YMEN: W188 COLDS V512 ESDAN DCT; YMML: V169 ML DCT

- FL180 and BLW:

DCT BTH AY V147 TEMIS then YMEN: W188 COLDS V512 ESDAN; YMML: V169 ML DCT (DEST YMAV plan via ML as above then W15 AV DCT)

5. BATHURST AERODROME MOVEMENT AREA

- 5.1 Circuit training or aerial work in RAAus, SAFA registered or General Aviation aircraft during the hours of 0600 to 1100 Local and 1500 to 2000 Local are not permitted without the express approval of the Aerodrome Operator on Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 October (and also precluded by the conditions of the Temporary Restricted Area R960).
- 5.2 Parachute jumping operations and gliding operations are not permitted by the Aerodrome Operator on Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 October (and also precluded by the conditions of the temporary restricted area R960).

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- 5.3 A permanent taxiway (TWY C) parallel to RWY 17/35 exists between RWY 08/26 and the main parking area. Aircraft approved for apron parking/drop-off, refuelling or grass parking should use this rather than backtrack RWY 17/35.
 - 5.4 Aircraft loading and unloading on the apron area is only available for airline and large (SAAB 340 size or larger) aircraft on Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 October. The apron is restricted to a maximum of three SAAB 340 size aircraft at any one time.
 - 5.5 Apron parking is not available for any aircraft from 202610071400 UTC until Monday 12 October, without prior permission from Aerodrome Operator.
 - 5.6 RWY 08/26 is now all weather and suitable for landing and take-off by light aircraft. Parking for mid-size twin engine aircraft will be available on the sealed parking pad to the north of RWY 08/26. In the event of excess parking requirements, the Aerodrome Operator may close RWY 08/26 for use as overflow parking for aircraft up to and including mid-size twin engine. If the Aerodrome Operator elects to keep RWY 08/26 open, aircraft unable to use grassed parking areas and not approved for apron parking may be required to relocate to an alternate aerodrome.
 - 5.7 In the event of inclement weather, grassed parking may not be available for parking of aircraft, which may result in aircraft required to relocate to alternate aerodromes while RWY 08/26 remains open. This notification will be by separate NOTAM.
 - 5.8 A marshalling service using hand signals will be provided for airline and large aircraft on the apron. Marshallers using hand signals will also control aircraft parking on the sealed pad to the north of RWY 08/26, or on RWY 08/26 itself if closed for use as overflow parking.
 - 5.9 Bathurst aerodrome is a Security Controlled Aerodrome. Passengers alighting and boarding aircraft must be escorted by authorised personnel when airside. Pilots of light and chartered aircraft must accompany their passengers when moving to and from aircraft.
 - 5.10 Camping on the aerodrome is NOT permitted.
 - 5.11 Helicopter operations on the aerodrome will be conducted from marked pads located immediately to the east of the carpark and depicted at Appendix 1. Helicopter shuttle operations will NOT be permitted from any other areas other than these marked helipads.

- 5.12 Overflight of the carpark, apron and terminal building by helicopters is NOT permitted. Approach to and departure from the HLS must be conducted to the north of the hangar complex.
- 5.13 Further information can be obtained from the Bathurst Aerodrome Reporting Officer, phone 0408 639 075.

6. MOUNT PANORAMA HELICOPTER RESTRICTED AREA

6.1 Airservices Australia website only.

- 6.1.1 The Mount Panorama Helicopter Restricted Area R961 is restricted to helicopter operations only and is divided into two areas described as follows and depicted in Appendix 2:
- a) Racetrack Area – that part of the restricted area R961 SOUTH of a line along Pit Straight (Hinton Road) and to 300M east of the eastern end and west of the western end of Pit Straight and 300M OUTSIDE the outer edge of the racetrack. This area may only be used by:
 - i) emergency helicopters, and
 - ii) helicopter operations DIRECTLY associated with the television coverage of the motor race.

Helicopters operating in the Racetrack Area during camera and relay operations must remain south of the line along Pit Straight (Hinton Rd) and within the Racetrack Area.

No other aircraft operations are permitted in this part of the restricted area without the specific approval of the Controlling Authority.

- b) Outer Area – is the remaining area NORTH of Pit Straight (Hinton Road) and OUTSIDE the Racetrack Area to the boundary of R961. The Outer Area is restricted to helicopter operations DIRECTLY associated with the motor race and managed by Orange Helicopters Pty Ltd only – fixed wing aircraft operations are not permitted.
- 6.2 All helicopter operations within Restricted Area R961 must monitor and broadcast intentions, as necessary, on 120.8 MHz. Helicopters must broadcast an inbound call prior to entering R961. All helicopter pilots must be familiar with, and understand, these procedures in accordance with section 7.

- 6.3 Sight-seeing flights inside the outer area of R961 must operate in a LEFT HAND, or counter-clockwise circuit direction. All aircraft operating in R961 must monitor 120.8 MHz. All helicopters are only to use the designated helicopter landing sites in the Outer Area. When approaching or departing the HLS, helicopters must remain in the Outer Area and not overfly the racetrack or spectators.
- 6.4 Overflight of public areas or race cars in the course of landing or taking off is prohibited.
- 6.5 Due to limited space, no helicopter parking will be available at the Commercial Operators HLS on the northern side of the track near Hell Corner (as shown in Appendix 2) except by prior arrangement with Orange Helicopters Pty Ltd (see section 7).

7. MANAGEMENT AND EMERGENCY PLAN

- 7.1 Due to the intrinsic risks of motor racing, there is an extensive Emergency Plan to cover the event. Aerial operations are a significant consideration in this plan. Consequently, any operations not in accordance with the agreed procedures create a risk to public safety. Local government, police and emergency services legislation provide for severe penalties for breaches.
- 7.2 Promoters of the Motor Race have appointed Orange Helicopters to manage helicopter operations at the track and at the Commercial Operators HLS. All operators are reminded that the only authorised HLS at the actual track is privately owned and permission is required prior to arrival.
- 7.3 All operators intending to conduct operations within the Mount Panorama Helicopter Restricted area must ensure they have essential operational information which is available from Orange Helicopters.
- 7.4 Orange Helicopters by phone on 0438 270 370, or via email: info@orangehelicopters.com.au.

8. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 8.1 From 08 - 11 October, searchlights may operate between the hours of 1800 to 0600 Local within the Mt Panorama Circuit, approximately 5NM, BRG 260 DEG MAG FM YBTH ARP.

9. CANCELLATION

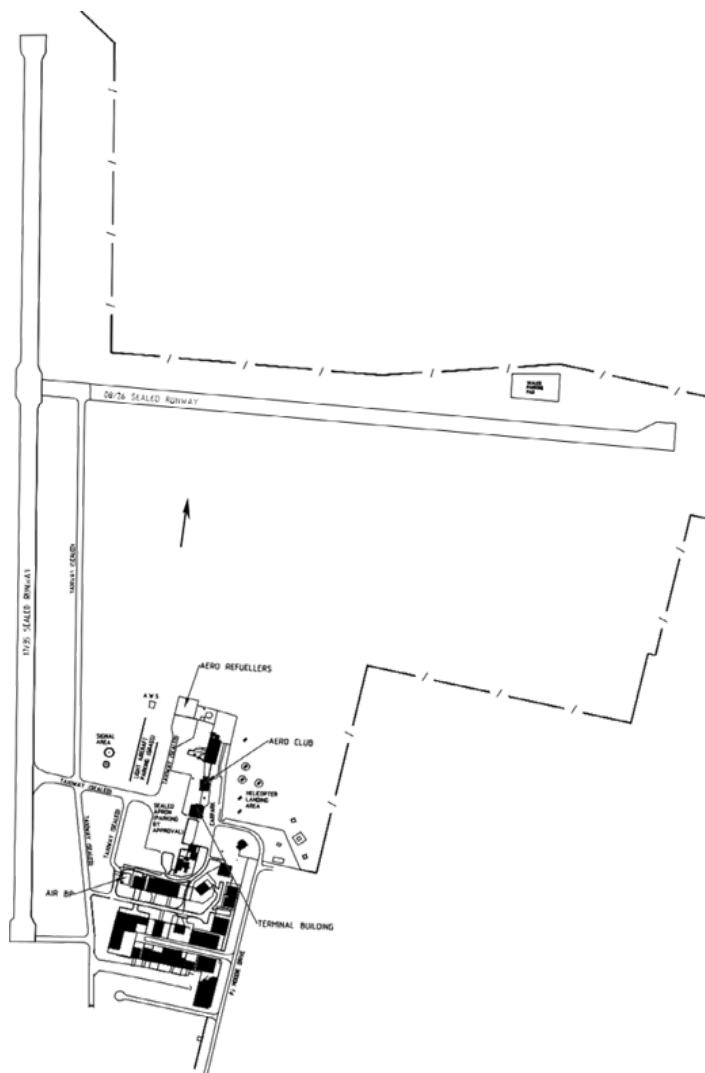
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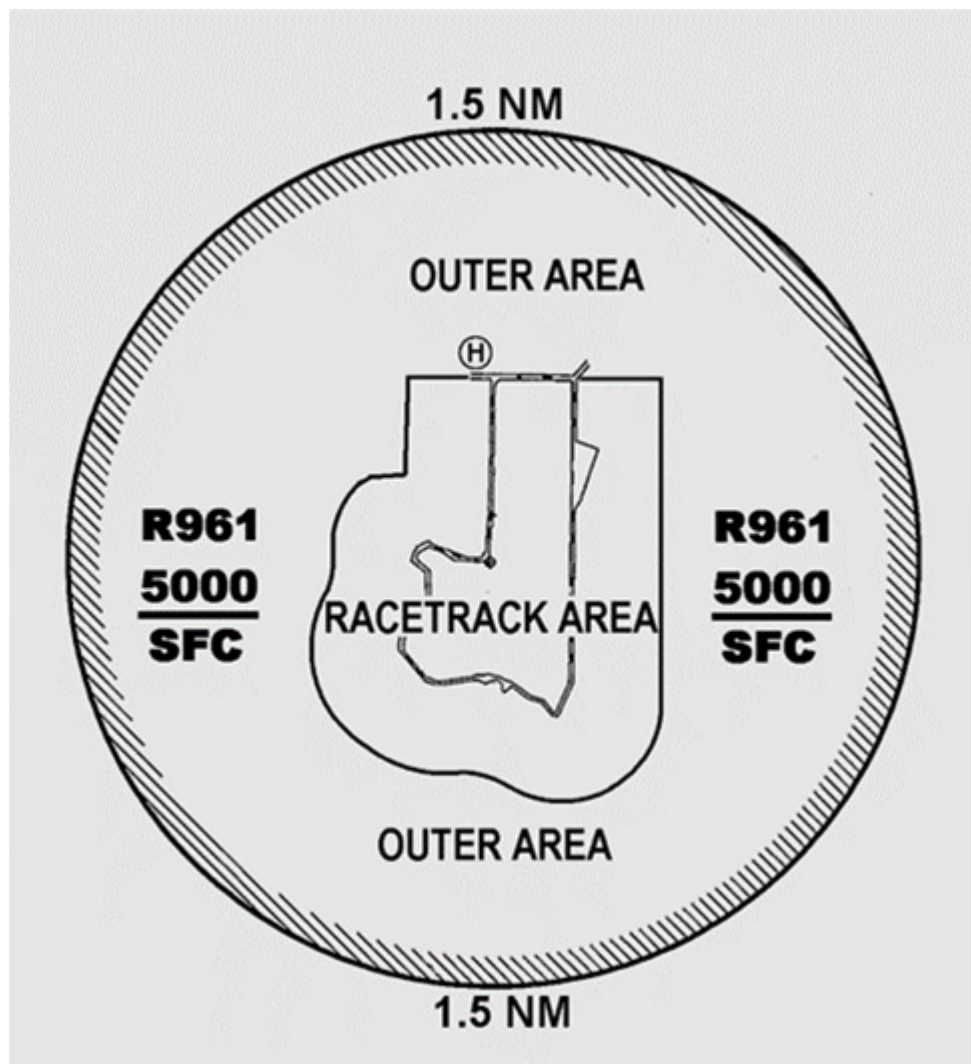
10.1 Airservices Australia website only.

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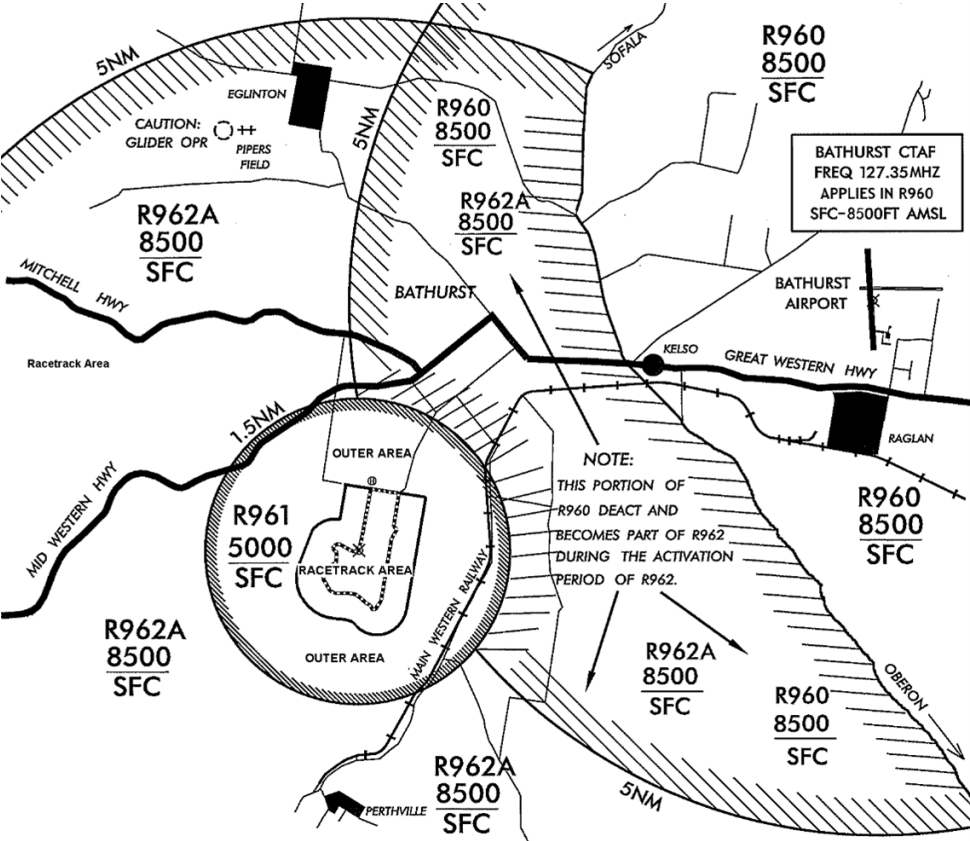
1. Bathurst Aerodrome Diagram
2. Mt Panorama Temporary Restricted Area R961
3. Bathurst Area Airspace Depiction
4. Bathurst TRA R962AB



2. Mt Panorama Temporary Restricted Area R961



3. Bathurst Area Airspace Depiction



4. Bathurst TRA R962AB

