## through the lens



## Master of the



Boys and their toys: Pilot Darren De Roia is living the dreams of many young boys — flying a British Aerospace jet for

Australian Jet Adventures has operated its British Aerospace Strikemaster out of Ballarat Airport for the past three years. Starting at \$1395 for a flight, it's not cheap entertainment, but it certainly gets the heart pumping and the adrenalin flowing, as photographer JEREMY BANNISTER discovered when he went along for a ride with pilot Darren De Roia.

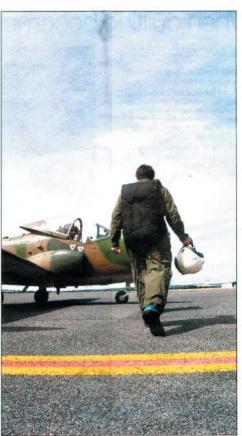


On a roll: Darren De Roia barrel rolls wing over wing above the outskirts of Ballarat.



On its way: The Strikemaster's landing gear retracts into its underbelly seconds after takeoff at Ballarat Airport.

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Pumped: Passenger Keith Anderson, from Sunbury, walks across the tarmac to take his place on board the Strikemaster.



Warning: Safety is paramount when worthing with machines

## skies



What a view: Very few Ballarat residents get to see their city from this angle. For pilot Darren De Roia, it's all in a day's work.



Cop this: A surge of jet-fuelled fumes fires out the back of the Strikemaster.