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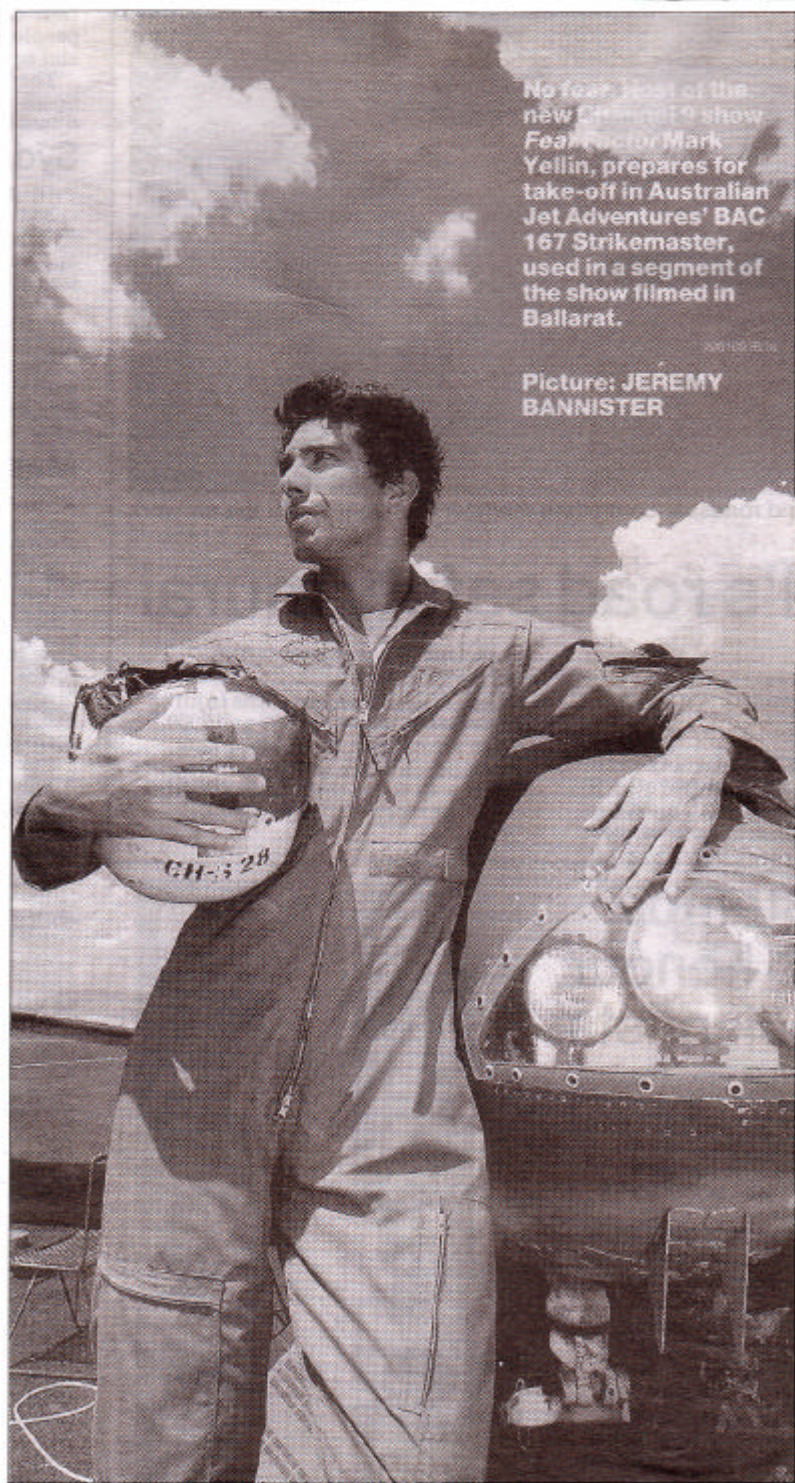
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No fear. Host of the new Channel 9 show *Fear Factor* Mark Yellin, prepares for take-off in Australian Jet Adventures' BAC 167 Strikemaster, used in a segment of the show filmed in Ballarat.

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Segments of fear show filmed here

By KAREN DAVIS

TWO SEGMENTS of thrill-seeking new Channel Nine show *Fear Factor* were filmed in Ballarat on Friday. The show, believed to have out-rated *Survivor* when it aired in the US, will go to air in Australia on September 19. The segments were filmed at the Ballarat Airport with Australian Jet Adventures and at Wilson's Orchard at Woodman's Hill. Segment producer Walter Collins said each episode would have six contestants and four challenges,

with the winner of each going through to the grand final series.

"It's like movie stunts with real people," he said. "We were looking for the person who held up the best in the fighter jet . . . and all I can tell you about the stunt at Wilson's Orchard is it involved eel bobbing."

Australian Jet Adventures marketing and sales manager Christine Seguert said producers of the show had given them the brief to put the contestants through 15 minutes of sheer adrenaline.