

Jet Warbirders go head to head

There was an unprecedented gathering of jet warbirds at Port Macquarie for the Fighters Over Port Airshow on the weekend of November 2-3. The event provided an ideal opportunity for the owners and operators of these aircraft to meet and discuss the future of jet warbird flying in Australia. The group discussed some of the current hurdles placed in front of the "jet warbirders". These include very restrictive noise certificates, a proposed ban on any jet warbird operation in the Sydney basin, (which city is next?), a requirement for individual council approval prior to conducting operations from an airfield, minimum altitudes for overfly of all national parks and banning jet warbirds from GAAP airfields. In the face of mounting "official" opposition to jet warbird

flying, this group of operators has decided to band together to present a united front to the rule makers. A burgeoning industry in "adventure flying" is in jeopardy

and this is not limited to the jets! With future meetings planned throughout the year and co-ordinated responses to the rule makers it is hoped

that this group can stem the flow of draconian restrictions being placed on these keto burners and ultimately piston powered brethren.

Following their inaugural meeting-jet warbird owners and operators pose with the colourful variety of jet hardware that was flown at the Fighters Over Port Airshow. In the face of mounting "official" opposition, this group has banded together to present a united front to the rule makers. [RF]

