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THE OFFICE at 400 Kts

Daniel Duggan, Managing Director and Chief Pilot for Top Gun Tasmania gets to fly fast and high in the British Aerospace "Jet Provost" MK 5. The machine he flies is owned by Dave Warren, and is the final variant of what is known as an "all through Jet Trainer" flown by The Royal Airforce. Built strong like a brick dunny, aerodynamically predictable, and easy to fly made them a winner with the RAF from their inception in the 1950's.

This aircraft was built late 1969 and was flown right up until 1992 when it was retired from service. In 1995 the Jet was shipped to Australia by a private owner who restored it. The maximum speed is 400 kts, fuel burn flat out is 50 litres per minute, rotate at 85kts, lifts away pending weight 90/100kts then climb out at 200kts. Seating configuration is side by side with dual controls Stall speed is 76kts, standard approach between 130 to 100kts touchdown anywhere between 100 to 90 kts

Dan and his wife Naomi have three children all born in Tasmania. Molly who will be three next birthday and six months ago the twin boys arrived Finn and Rory. "Naomi is a fulltime Mum at the moment, however she is a professional artist. When I flew in Spain Naomi's work became very popular in that country. At the moment she has a few works out at Richmond". said Daniel.

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L. Daniel Duggan Top Gun Tasmania



1969 Jet Provost MK5

Dan is a former fighter pilot with the US Marines, experienced with 13 years on the Harrier Jump Jet. He married an Aussie girl, who was originally from Sydney, her parents retiring to a farm at Sheffield. Still in the Marine Corp Dan's visit to Tasmania made up his mind he wanted to settle here. The plan was to fly for the Airlines but that was soon changed by September 11- there were no more jobs.

My Australian wife wanted to move back home for family reasons. "I had a family to look after, so I moved to Australia converted my US Airlines Pilots licence and hoped to get some work with Qantas but they required me to have a permanent residency, but the first two years in the country it's a provisional visa so that rubbed out the Qantas flying". said Dan

Dan is a highly trained former Fighter Pilot, expert in Military Aviation and an experienced Aircraft Carrier Pilot.

A twenty minute Aerobatic Jet Adventure flight will set you back \$1,995.00. "Aerobatics in an Aircraft with plenty of power, plenty of speed, you really feel the G forces." Dan

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"We lived in Sydney for the first six months while I converted my licence over. I fly Fighter Jets, so I called up Jet Fighter Flights, they're the biggest and longest running Jet Adventure Company in Australia. As it worked out they needed a Pilot." "After a short while I became Chief Pilot and later on moved to Tasmania but kept commuting to Sydney to Fly." "That started to get a bit hard with the young family, and this Jet became available in Hobart so here I am!" Dan said.

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