



NEWSLETTER – August, 2017

Committee 2017/2018

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Note the meeting location.

The next general meeting is to be held at the **Eastwood Street Leisure Centre in the Canteen**, on Wednesday August 23rd commencing at **7.30PM** (Turn left after entry to the Complex, and the Canteen is on the left again). **Don't forget to bring a plate for supper.**

Agenda Items for the next meeting

1. Trawalla Estate Update
2. City of Ballarat Update
3. Strategic Plan Development
4. Field Maintenance
 - a) Purchase of shelving for the container; member's notice board
 - b) Battery for mower
5. Burrumbeet Airstrip
 - a) Redefine use (hand launched/multi rotor/rotary wing)
6. Asset Register
7. Display Day 2018
8. Facebook Page Review??

AGM – 26th July 2017

The Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday 26th July prior to the ordinary meeting. The minutes of the previous AGM were read by the secretary and the treasurer presented the financial report for the 12 month period. The president's and other reports were included in the July newsletter.

Once the reports were presented the committee positions were declared vacant and Vice President Peter Evans chaired the re-election of the new committee and office bearers. The positions are listed below with the previous incumbents alongside to show what has changed.

Committee 2017/2018

President: Fred Eggleston (*Graeme Allen*)
Vice President: Graeme Allen (*Peter Evans*)
Treasurer: Nick Katsikaros (*No change*)
Secretary: **Nigel Newby** (*Jeff Dowsley*)
Ordinary member 1: Peter Evans (*Fred Eggleston*)
Ordinary member 2: **Murri Anstis** (*Max Rowan*)

Nigel Newby and Murri Anstis were elected to the committee while Jeff Dowsley and Max Rowan retired. (Uninjured!!!)

Office Bearers 2017/2018

Publicity Officer: Graeme Allen (*No change*)
Safety Officers: Murri Anstis (*No change*)
 Roger Carrigg (*Fred Eggleston*)
First Aid Officer: Nigel Newby (*No change*)
Newsletter Editors: Roger Carrigg (*No change*)
 Glenn White (*No change*)
Field Maintenance: Murri Anstis (*No change*)



Points of interest from the last meeting

Extract of newsworthy items from the minutes of the last ordinary meeting. Note: Some events/activities may have concluded or been modified as circumstances change. (This followed on after the AGM.)

8) General Business

a) Trawalla Estate Update

No contact with the farm manager.

b) City of Ballarat Update

Nil Report due to absence of G Allen.

c) Strategic Plan Development

G Allen is continuing to work on the plan. Inclusion of rotary wing and FPV vehicles will be necessary.

d) Field Maintenance

M Anstis to price up the materials required to build two additional treated pine tables, and some minor items such as downpipe filters and fittings, along with granitic sand and pavers for the patio area.

- Require 24 plough discs to mark the electric fence postholes. Max Rowan will make enquiries.
- M Rowan will order the replacement seal for the composting toilet.
- N Katsikaros will donate a mixer tap for the canteen.
- P Ruddle has offered to run leads from the charging station to the interior of the container to continuously charge the mower batteries. Club recommends the use of Anderson plugs to safely connect to the mower batteries.
- M Rowan has patched the mower plastic fuel tank and it appears to be holding.

Some minor repairs to the toilets are required.

- Line marking to delineate the strips where they cross.

R Carrigg to prepare a Fuel Prices poster and laminate it and install in the container.

e) Burrumbeet Airstrip

To be considered in the Strategic Plan.

f) Asset Register

R Carrigg has produced a form and captured many of the Club assets and developed an Asset Register in MS Excel. When the Register is completed, the insurance policy cover will need to be checked.

g) Display Day 2018

Secretary to update the Display Day Planning Schedule and distribute to members.

h) Facebook Page

Deferred. Send files to jcweston351@gmail.com

9) Other Business

a) Charging Station

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10) Agenda Items for next meeting

- i. Trawalla Estate Update
- ii. City of Ballarat Update
- iii. Strategic Plan Development
- iv. Field Maintenance
- v. Burrumbeet Airstrip (Viability?)

- vi. Asset Register
- vii. Display Day 2018
- viii. Facebook Page Review
- ix. BRMFC CoM only site

11) Meeting location

The next meeting will be held on the 23rd August 2017, *in the Canteen, Eastwood St Leisure Complex, Eastwood Street, commencing approximately 7:30PM.*

12) Meeting Closed at 9:38PM



Membership Renewals

If you haven't renewed your subs for the 2017/18 year, can you please do so ASAP? If you have please disregard.

Secondly, if you don't intend re-joining please give the secretary the courtesy of a message to that effect.

The renewal form was included with the June 2017 newsletter and can also be found online at: http://www.brmfc.org.au/Forms/MembPayment%202017_18.pdf

Remember, you can't fly at any MAAA sanctioned field until your subs are paid.



Rotary Wings over Trawalla

The Committee has been busy over the last week or so developing safety rules to allow Rotary Wing and Multirotor operations at the Trawalla flying field.

Our Constitution, in its purpose statement, allows the Committee to set safety rules allowing models other than fixed wing to operate at Trawalla. A condition is that the Club establishes facilities that allow safe operation of such types in dedicated airspace safely separated from fixed wing aircraft.

As we all know there is increasing interest in rotary wing flight especially multi rotor models.

To cater for this interest and perhaps to attract more members to the club we have developed site specific safety rules covering rotary winged model use at Trawalla. These are found in Appendix B of the [safety rules](#) which are posted on our website. (Open the [full version](#) pdf link.)

The rules allow safe separation of the two types of models with fixed wing having choice of duty runway and rotary wing using a portion of the alternative runway. [north south and east west]

I am pleased to say that the first Rotary Wing flight [a multi rotor drone] made under the new rules occurred on Sunday 20th August.

Fred Eggleston
President BRMFC.



VMAA News

Information gathered from the Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on the 20th July 2017.

1.17 State Field Reports:-

Northern Flying Group –

Same committee as last year, IMAC and Scale events booked for August. Field is in good condition.

Bairnsdale

Field in good condition.

Echuca –

Report tabled, all building works on club house and pits going well and soon to be completed.

Mt Wallace

Field is usable and any members wishing to use it should contact the Bacchus Marsh club for details. A working party is to be setup to carry on future field works.

1.19 General Business:-

Website/Marketing –

Reports from G Lepp and R. Marsh

Report tabled re new strategies, more discussion at next meeting.

Andrew Sill addressed the meeting impressing for the need to change current strategies and go for a more modern approach embracing more social media Facebook etc.

The need to look at how information is gathered and how we present this information to the Members, president thanked Andrew for his comments and further investigation as part of the VMAA strategies in this area will take place.

EMMAC re Farmers lease –

Greg Lepp has spoken with the EMMAC and clarified the sub-lease to the farmer, re cropping unused areas.

GMAC re storage for VMAA –

New Container storage in place shelving and racks installed, security screen ready for installation.

VRF re meeting held - N Thompson, G Lepp and A Babilis –

Members of the Co-op and the VRF attended, discussion re VMAA and MAAA shareholding and reported differences by the VRF. Some agreements were reached and notes taken were sent to all parties .It was clear from meeting that there needs to be further discussion so all parties can be satisfied. After some discussion it was decided to send letters to both the VRF and the Co-op seeking further clarification.

GMAA Field Assistance-

Murray Ellis spoke at length regarding the new site and the funding required to make the field accessible. The council require an access road to be constructed which the club will have to pay for. Due to the amount of funding required to build the road, some 400 meters, it was decided to have a representative of the VMAA act as an intermediary with the council to see if there are alternatives.

Moira Field Visit from VMAA-

Greg Lepp and Reeve Marsh visited the Club responding to an invitation from the club early in June this year. Despite the cold weather many club members came out and a good social atmosphere was enjoyed by all. The club is planning more capital development and will keep the VMAA advised. President of the club thanked the VMAA for their visit.

The following two items are from the VMAA News Bulletin 3, August 2017.

VMAA Website

Over the past few weeks the current website has been updated with some changes occurring to include additional information. One area has been the VMAA Inspectors List. This list has been updated with the information available from the MAAA Membership Register which was recently updated via letters sent to all registered inspectors.

It would be appreciated, if you are a VMAA Inspector, to check the website. You can [CLICK HERE](#) to review your details. If the information is not correct, please contact the VMAA Secretary, secretary@vmaa.com.au. Your assistance in this matter will be appreciated.

MAAA Membership Register

We are constantly receiving emails indicating email addresses, phone number or mailing addresses have changed. All Members can change their own details as required by going to the MAAA Membership Register website and registering yourself to update your personal details.

It is quick and easy to do. [Click HERE](#) to have a look at the website so you can update your details as required. Emails recorded on the database will be used to send out information such as bulletins, events and flyers.



New Models seen at field

A quiet month on this front. Must be the wet weather.



Goin's on at the Field

On Sunday 13th August, Max with Graeme's help replaced the broken Dektite seal on the Clivus Multrum composting toilet. I think it might have been torn during the relocation from Yendon to Trawalla.

Funny thing it wasn't a job that anyone really wanted to do, but it had to be done.

First of all the pedestal had to be removed inside and the chute pulled up out of the hole through the floor – nasty stuff.

It wasn't an easy job getting the seal positioned in the right place and attaching it over the ridged profile of the composting unit. With very little space to work in getting it screwed down with sealant was quite a task. Poor old Max, he gets all the crappy jobs!!! No pun intended.



A section of the seal had disappeared recently leaving a gaping hole. The system doesn't work as it should if the seal is broken. It allows the wind to blow in venting inside making it a little smelly at times.



Max & Graeme working on fitting the new seal. Being right under the floor there's not much room to work.



The new Dektite seal in place.

Last Sunday, August 20th Murri with Graeme's help spread a m³ of gravel in the covered area between the containers and kitchen in preparation for laying pavers or some other suitable product but most likely pavers. The area has been getting rather untidy and also somewhat dangerous because someone may trip up on the uneven surface.



Drones over Brighton



I was down in Melbourne over the weekend and went for a walk along the Brighton Beach with my daughter late Saturday afternoon. We set off heading north along the beach from the Brighton Beach Bathing Boxes and after 25-30 minutes headed back along the walking track. Shortly

before reaching our start point near the bathing boxes we came across a guy flying a drone over the beach and it appeared to be a fairly large one. This shot was taken at 5:45PM with my phone camera looking into the setting sun. Maybe he's practicing for the summer sun baking season!!!



Events

Indoor Flying at Haddon Hall – August 16th

There was a fairly good role up to the indoor flying on Wednesday evening August 16th, although not quite the numbers present as the previous one held on August 2nd where I'm told there were 13 flyers which included several BRMFC members.



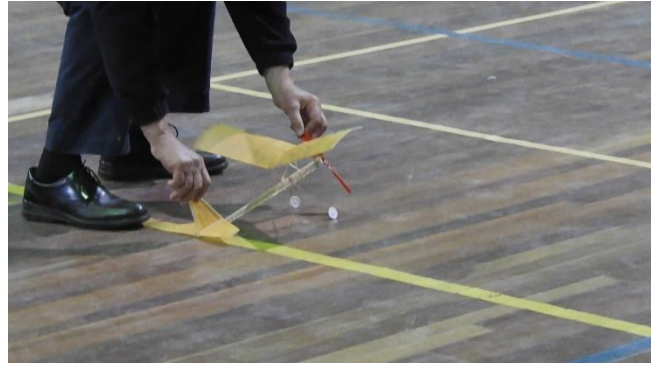
Murri is out front flying his Night Vapour which is just above his head in the photo.



In the front we have from left to right. Joy Phillips, Graeme Allen and Clive Phillips. Clive flew the rubber powered model in the write up below.

I thought the most spectacular flight was by Clive Phillips with a rubber band powered model. I videoed the entire flight from take-off to landing which lasted 1 minute 13 seconds. A few snapshots from the video are shown further on. It took off climbing gradually to about 4m, circled around then gradually descended as the rubber ran out and landed on the fifth lap. That is a lot harder to achieve than flying one of the r/c electric powered models.

I just had a thought – maybe it's really hi-tech and has some on-board GPS guidance control. Wouldn't have flown any better if it did.



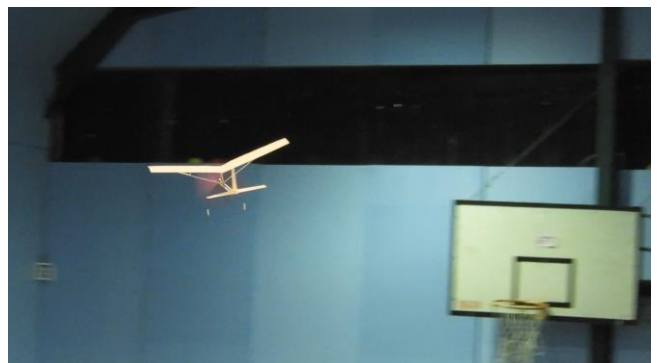
Clive about to release the model.



After a short run it lifted off and gradually climbed to the left.



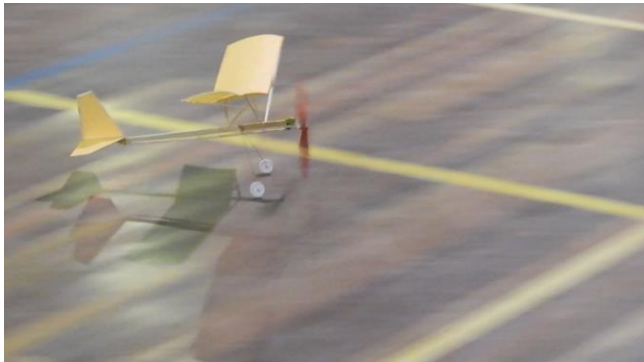
Settling in to its circular orbit which Clive no doubt has spent considerable time to get it trimmed just right.



Looks like it's up at least as high as the basketball hoop, probably a bit higher.



As the rubber ran out it gently descended still on its circular path.



And touch down some 60 or so seconds later. No bounce either.



Coming Events

Sausage Sizzle Bunnings Ballarat – September 1st



We have our next sausage sizzle at Bunnings Ballarat on **Friday September 1st** which is less than two weeks away as this newsletter goes to print. As usual we need several hands on deck to make

the operation run smoothly. The old saying “many hands make light work” comes well and truly into play here.

This one is a **Friday** opportunity which we have been offered on short notice as a supplement to the weekend events which are keenly sought after. Obviously it won't be as busy as a Saturday or Sunday but nevertheless it should be well worth it even if only half the normal takings.

I'll put out the usual duty roster in a few days which due to the short notice doesn't give much time for comment and adjustments to suit individual needs. I realize only retired members can be asked to attend, I would think three would enough on each shift.

The fund raiser is quite timely as we have missed out on our traditional open day revenue over the few years with the shift to Trawalla.

Bunnings now have a national pricing standard for sausage sizzles held at their stores. Sausages: \$2.50, drinks \$1.50.

In a way that makes it easy, we don't have to worry about what price to set and given the maximum we have ever charged is \$2.00 it should be more profitable so don't need to sell as many for the same return.

If you haven't heard about it, please put this date in your diary so you can be available for a stint on the day. I realize this is only open to retired members so others may obviously disregard.

Our confirmation, consisting of the Bunnings confirmation form signed by a club representative, MAAA public liability 2017/18 policy certificate of currency (they already have this because it is needed to be eligible) and a copy of our **Stretrader** council notification of a food stall is in the process of being sent to the Bunnings Ballarat activity organizer.

Community & Family Fun Day October 21st – Bunnings Ballarat



The Bunnings Ballarat store is holding a **Community & Family Fun Day** on **Saturday October 21st**. Our club has

been asked if we would like to set up an awareness table & talk to people about what we do and share information on how to join our club. The committee decided that we would participate and we also floated the idea to the Ballarat Aero Modellers and they have expressed interest in participating with us. Not sure at this stage how much space we will have but it would be nice to have a range models on display to show the various facets of our hobby.

Twin Cities Model Aero Club
Albury
Seaplane Weekend
Fri 20th to Sun 22nd Oct
 with catering
 Lake available for flying Thursday 19 to Monday 23
 no catering Thur/Mon

- ★ Perpetual trophy
- ★ Full catering at the Lake
- ★ Complementary breakfast for entrants on Sunday morning
- ★ Lunch time Polaris Pylon racing spectacular
- ★ Contact David Balfour on (020) 60433169 or 0407953903

Table Top Reserve Old Sydney Rd
Ettamogah GPS s 35 58 506 e 147 02 754



Asset Register

The club asset register has now been compiled and lists some 60 odd major items of equipment from our buildings down to small hand tools. Almost without exception the items listed are those that would need replacing if they were lost, stolen or damaged in some way.

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Ballarat Radio Model Flying Club

Fixed Asset Record with Straight Line Depreciation

Asset Name	Asset Class	Picture	Description	Physical Location	Asset No.	Serial No.	Acquisition Date	Replacement Cost/Value	Estimated Useful Life (Years)	Estimated Salvage Value	Estimated Depreciated Value (at 31/03/2017)
Topo 10400H Ride-On Mower	Machinery and Equipment		Topo 10400H Lawn Tractor 3 Stage 42" cut. 10hp Single cylinder Briggs & Stratton Supplier: The Garden Mowers	Container 2	1	111000	1/10/2000	\$ 3,995.00	5	\$ 700.00	\$ 219.07
John Deere 857T18 Ride-On Mower	Machinery and Equipment		John Deere 857T18 Ride-On Mower Product Code: 1005100010001 2007 91000 Build Date: 2006 - 2005 (8x1)	Container 2	2		01/10/2013	\$ 2,200.00	5	\$ 700.00	\$ 300.00
Kitchen	Buildings		Site built 5 m x 2.5m Purchased from The Ballarat Public Transport Authority in 1989 for \$600 + \$500 transport cost	Church Rd Trawalla	3		01/08/1989	\$ 1,100.00			
Kitchen Halls	Buildings		New cupboards, bench tops, ceiling fans, lights, window blinds, plumbing, electrical, tiling and painting	Kitchen	3.1		01/01/2017	\$ 2,480.00			
Container 1	Buildings		Refrigerated Shipping Container 2400mm x 8000mm (8' x 26')	Church Rd Trawalla	4		01/01/2004				
Container 2	Buildings		Refrigerated Shipping Container 2400mm x 8000mm (8' x 26')	Church Rd Trawalla	5		01/10/2014	\$ 1,800.00			
Tower Building	Buildings		2.2 x 2.2m (second) elevated structure supported on 4 concrete pillars. Incorporated in the Club Members' community program	Church Rd Trawalla	5.1		1/08/2000	\$ 1,800.00			
Community Toilet	Buildings		Club Members' community program. User servicing of 600L Toilet tankage. Separate pedestal pan. Solar panel & Turbo ventilator		5.2		1/08/2000	\$ 3,100.00			
Honda Line Trimmer	Machinery and Equipment		Honda 0005 250cc 4 Stroke Line Trimmer (Purchased from a Club member)	Container 2	6		01/07/2015	\$ 250.00	5	\$ 50.00	\$ 13.50

BRMFC Asset Register also Fixed Asset Record 1 of 6

This is what the asset register looks like, some 6 pages so far.

It also forms a place to record when & where items were bought, what they cost, where they are located, serial numbers etc. and an estimate of their lifespan and residual value; the spreadsheet then calculates the depreciation value.

Photos have been used to make it easier to locate items and could be quite valuable in the unfortunate event of an insurance claim. The bottom line value of all our assets is quite staggering and our club compared to some other model aero clubs would be fairly modest.

The next step where appropriate, will be to physically identify the items with the asset number from the register.



Event Calendar

- August 2nd (Wed.) Indoor Flying at Haddon Hall 7 - 9:30PM – BAM!
- August 16th (Wed.) Indoor Flying at Haddon Hall 7 - 9:30PM – BAM!
- August 20th (Sun.) VFSAA Scale State Champs – NFG
- Sep 1st (Fri.) Sausage Sizzle – Bunnings Ballarat**
- Sep 9th (Sat.) ½ A Texaco, Burford, Duration – Echuca
- Sep 10th (Sun.) Texaco, 38 Ant, Climb & Glide – SAM600
- Sep 9th/10th Shepparton Mammoth Scale Fly-In – VRF
- Sep 17th (Sun.) VFSAA Scale Comp – Yarra Valley
- Oct 8th (Sun.) VFSAA Scale Comp – Trawalla, BRMFC**
- Oct 21st (Sat.) Community & Family Fun Day – Bunnings Ball.**
- Oct 20th-22nd Albury Seaplane Weekend – TCMAC
- Nov 4th/5th Mosskosh Annual Fun Fly Ararat – A&DAC
- Nov 11th/12th Scratch Build Scale Rally – P&DARCS
- Nov 25th/26th Hamilton Fun Fly & Swap Meet – Hamilton

Feb 25th 2018 Display Day – BRMFC Trawalla

- Feb 25th 2018 Leura Fun Fly 2018 – CMAC
- Apr 21st/22nd 2018 VMAA Trophy Weekend

See the [VMAA Calendar](#) for all Victorian events.

That's all for now. Good flying.
G.W & R.C.

Time for some Frivolity – the sealed section

Note: If easily offended please skip this section. It contains adult themes.

SMART ARSE ANSWER OF THE YEAR 2012

A teacher at West Australian University reminded her pupils of tomorrow's final exam.

"Now listen to me, I won't tolerate any excuses for you not being here tomorrow.

I might consider a nuclear attack, a serious personal injury, illness, or a death in your immediate family, but that's it, no other excuses whatsoever!"

A smart-arsed teenager at the back of the room raised his hand and asked, "What would happen if I came in tomorrow suffering from complete and utter sexual exhaustion?"

The entire class was reduced to laughter and sniggering. When silence was restored, the teacher smiled at the student, shook her head and sweetly said, "Well, I would expect you to write the exam with your other hand."

Pharmacist

The woman asked the pharmacist, "Do you have Viagra?"

"Yes," he answered.

She asked, "Does it work?"

"Yes," he answered.

She said, "Can you get it over the counter?"

"I can, if I take two," he replied.

The Convention

A man boarded an aircraft at London's Heathrow Airport for New York, and taking his seat as he settled in, he noticed a very beautiful woman boarding the plane.

He realised she was heading straight toward his seat and bingo – she took the seat right beside him.

"Hello", he blurted out, "Business trip or vacation?"

She turned, smiled enchantingly and said, "Business. I'm going to the annual nymphomaniac convention in the United States."

He swallowed hard. Here was the most gorgeous woman he had ever seen sitting next to him, and she was going to a meeting for nymphomaniacs!

Struggling to maintain his composure, he calmly asked, "What's your business role at this convention?"

"Lecturer," she responded, "I use my experience to disprove some of the popular myths about sexuality."

"Really", he smiled, "what myths are those?"

"Well," she explained, "one popular myth is that African-American men are the most well-endowed when, in fact,

it's the Native American Indian who is most likely to possess that trait.

Another popular myth is that French men are the best lovers, when actually it is the men of Greek descent.

We have also found that the best potential lovers in all categories are the Irish."

Suddenly the woman became uncomfortable and blushed. "I'm sorry," she said. "I really shouldn't be discussing this with you, I don't even know your name!"

"Tonto," the man said. "Tonto Papadopoulos, but my friends call me Paddy."

How to get a good deal on a car



A retired older couple return to a Mercedes dealership where the salesman has just sold the car they were interested in to a beautiful blonde in a very revealing outfit. (Looks just like Barbie!!!)

The old man was visibly upset. He spoke to the salesman sharply. "Young man, I thought you said you would hold that car till we raised the \$55,000 asking price," said the older man. "Yet I just heard you closed the deal for \$45,000 to the lovely young lady there."

"And if I remember right, you had insisted there was no way you could discount this model."

The salesman took a deep breath, cleared his throat and reached for a large glass of water. "Well, what can I tell you? She had the cash ready, didn't need any financing help, and, Sir, just look at her, how could I resist?", replied the grinning salesman sheepishly.

Just then the young woman approached the senior couple and gave the car keys to the old man...

"There you go," she said. "I told you I could get him to lower the price.... see you later Dad"...

Like they say, "Old age and cunning will overcome youth and skill!"

Can you help a friend

I'm looking around because a friend of mine needs some help!!!

His wife told him to go out and get some of those pills that would help him get an erection.

When he came back, he tossed her some diet pills.

Anyway, he's looking for a place to live.

Can you help him???

