



## NEWSLETTER – December, 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 January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2019 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. Field Maintenance
3. Burrumbeet Airstrip
4. March BRMFC fly-in
5. Monthly training day
6. January Float-Fly

### Presidents Christmas Message 2018



Greetings for the Festive Season!

The Club has had a successful year with an influx of active new members and a stable financial position.

Our new strategic plan, which drew on the results of our member survey, has provided the Club with a number of short term and long term goals some of which have already been addressed.

This year has seen the staging of several events including a February Display Day, BRMFC/BAMI joint fly day in April, and a very successful Fly-in in October. Thank you to all who contributed especially the ladies who helped with the catering.

Many members have caught the indoor bug and have been flying at the Haddon Hall coordinated by Kevin Howard of the BAMI Club.

Improvements at the field have included 3 start-up tables [thank you Alan Crisp] replacement of the engine in the Toro Ride on Mower [thank you Peter Evans and helpers] and installation of a pressure pump on the cold supply in the kitchen [the brainchild of Roger Carrigg].

Our next task is replacement of the pit matting. It developed quite a growth of mould this winter and sorely needs replacement. This project is planned for the New Year so we can be ready for our Fly-in in March.

In closing I would like thank all those who have contributed to field and equipment maintenance, club administration, financial control and the newsletter.

Best wishes for Christmas and enjoy the brand New Year.

[And remember when buying a Chrissie present for your wife or partner it is unlikely she will get a lot of use out of a 3D printer or an OS gas engine!!!]

Fred Eggleston  
President BRMFC



## Points of interest from the last meeting

*Extract of newsworthy items from the minutes of the last meeting. Note: Some events/activities may have concluded or been modified as circumstances change.*

### 7. Reports

a) Committee of Management: Meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> November, minutes run through by Fred (refer the meeting's minutes for items).

b) Other – Hamilton Fun-Fly report delivered by Roger C. A number of BRMFC members went together arriving on Friday, lots of precipitation. Some interesting models were there and the weather was tolerable and didn't stop any flying on Saturday and Sunday.

### 8. General Business

a) Trawalla Estate Update – E/W runway extension still to be addressed, contact with the Farm Manager to be at the discretion of Max R. It is believed there may have been a change in the company's management.

b) Strategic Plan – Nil.

c) Field Maintenance

- Electric fence was tested with the new test unit and was found to be not working beyond an existing knot at the north end of the runway. Alan Crisp fixed this. Due to the multiple joins it would be an advantage to replace the current conductor and to add a second one midway up the posts. This may assist in stopping the smaller cattle slipping under the top wire.
- Methanol drum trolley needs work (seized wheel).
- USB outlets on the solar chargers need refurbishing (either don't work or will not deliver sufficient current).
- Matting from Albury Club. Nick has access to a truck to transport it; preference is the coming weekend (1<sup>st</sup> December was suggested by Nick as a possible date). This was considered too short notice and will need to be organized in the New Year.

d) Burrumbeet Airstrip – Has been prepared and is usable now.

e) October BRMFC fly-in – is this to be booked as an annual event? Yes, doesn't require too much work.

f) Monthly training day – nil to report, no action to date.

g) January Float-Fly – planes are being prepared and purchased! This will be held on the morning of the 5<sup>th</sup> January at the southern shore of Lake Burrumbeet near the Ski Club's rooms.

### 9. Other Business

- BRMFC Christmas Party. December 14<sup>th</sup> at the Queen's Head Humffray Street, starting at 6.30pm. Contact the Secretary as early as possible if you intend to come along in order to confirm the numbers with the venue.

- March Fly-in. Requirements on the Planner were discussed. A Committee meeting will be needed before Christmas to confirm details and roles; this will be on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm. Inform Jim, Farm Manager, CFA and local residents.

10. Agenda items for the next meeting.

11. Meeting Closed at 8.58pm – Next meeting date is the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019.



## New Models seen at field

There's been a couple but I haven't managed to get any pics yet. Have to wait until next month.



## Goin's on at the Field

One of the steel wheels on the support stand for our 200L drum of methanol has been corroded on to the axle for as long as I can remember. That makes it hard to shift in the container particularly when the drum is full. The stand has a flange that slips under the base of the drum so that the drum can be pulled over into a horizontal position and wheeled around. A tap is then screwed into the small plug hole and used to decanter fuel for members. (Actually it's better to screw the tap in before the drum is horizontal!!!)



WD40 and a hammer made all the difference.



The week before the Hamilton trip I soaked it with WD40 in the hope it would help to free it up. It was locked solid then and no amount of persuasion (with hammer) was doing any good.

A fortnight later I took the nearly empty drum off, took the frame outside and got stuck into it. Finally the wheel budged along the axle slightly and hitting back and forth it eventually loosened up.

If it was going to be done it needed to be done before the new drum is needed.

So with lubricated wheels be careful pushing it in the container – it might get away from you!!!

Being an extremely useful and important piece of equipment, I just realized it's not in the club asset register so that has been rectified. Without it we'd have to purchase a hand pump.

For interest sake, does anyone know of its origins or how the club came by it?

The sheep have been knocking the model stands over so on one, Nigel and I drove three short stakes into the ground and screwed the legs to the stakes. Seemed to work okay so will need to do the same with the other two.



Short stakes now anchor one of the start-up stands. The other two need the same.



### Tips & Tricks

*I thought all you petrol heads out there might get a kick out of these two YouTube clips.*

Watch "DRAG RACE: Lamborghini Huracán Performante vs Indian Navy MiG-29k | Autocar India" on YouTube.

<https://youtu.be/ADzQlyrRG2A>

Watch "Bugatti Veyron Vs Euro Fighter Typhoon: Drag Race (HQ) | Top Gear | BBC" on YouTube

<https://youtu.be/CqGZqyUwxZc>

*Checkout the size comparison between the F-22 Raptor and the old fighter aircraft in this clip.*

Watch "F-22 Raptor, P-51 Mustang, P-47 Thunderbolt & F-86 Sabre Flying In Unison" on YouTube

[https://youtu.be/a0pysLBRs\\_0](https://youtu.be/a0pysLBRs_0)

*Peter Weston sent me this one of Noel Findlay's Fox Moth.*

DE HAVILLAND 83 FOX MOTH SPEED MODEL AT FAI F4 CHAMPIONSHIP 2018 IN MEIRINGEN SWITZERLAND

<https://youtu.be/zg0Z1QCMdUE>



### Events

#### Christmas Party – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December

The club held this year's Christmas function at the Queens Head Hotel, in Humffray St North on Friday night 14<sup>th</sup> December. The really wet night when we got a month's rain in one day. We had it there last year and turned out quite good so we decided to give it another go.

The hotel social club runs a raffle on a Friday night and like last year they had three Xmas hampers as the prizes. They came to our table to sell tickets and going by what I saw most members bought tickets. And guess what, our Wayne was one of the lucky winners picking up one of the hampers.



*Pondering the menu. Decisions decisions...*



Most moved around the table after dinner in an effort to mingle with all.



Wayne had his animated Christmas hat which helped to get us all in the Christmas spirit. Maybe not spirits but certainly the wine.

I'm not sure what the final numbers were but there must have been 16-18 present and going by what I saw everyone enjoyed themselves. The food was quite good and at reasonable prices.

All in all everyone had a great time.



You can see the Xmas hamper up the end that Wayne won in the hotel social club raffle.



### Coming Events

#### Float day experiment – 5<sup>th</sup> January



The club is trialling a float day at Lake Burrumbeet on Saturday morning 5<sup>th</sup> January. The location is on the south bank of the lake near the boat club.

It's planned to meet at 9:30AM in Canico Drive somewhere near the boat club. The meeting point is roughly 17km from the corner of Cuthberts Road and Learmonth Street.

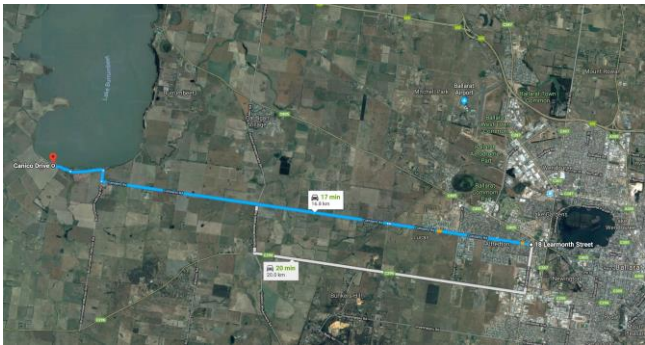
If you have a float plane or just interested come along and join in – it should be fun. A boat would be handy of course.

The purpose of this exercise is to gauge interest and checkout the Lake Burrumbeet site to see if is worthwhile trying to promote into a larger event and invite other modellers. If so, a suitable date would have to be chosen probably during the warmer months.

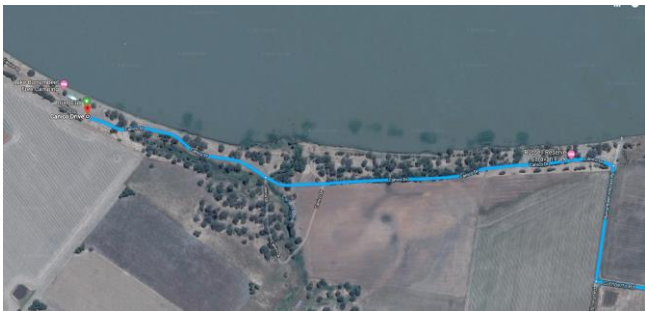
To top off the morning we'll most likely have a BBQ lunch like we did at the Burrumbeet Racecourse working bee a month or so ago.

The following maps show how to get there and the location where we can all meet up.

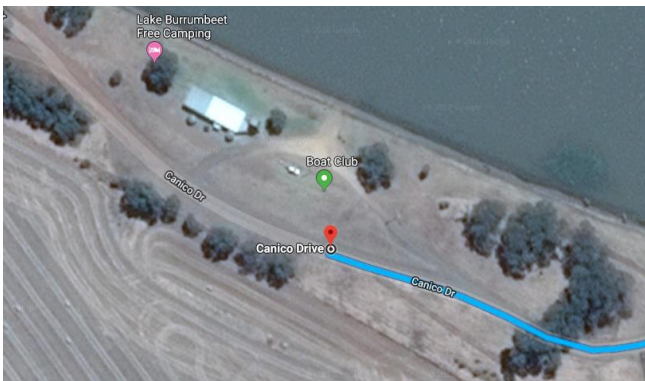




Route from the corner of Cuthberts Road and Learmonth Street to the boat club.



A more detailed view of the south bank of Lake Burrumbeet.



Assembly point after which we decide the most appropriate location to use.

### Sausage Sizzle Bunnings Ballarat – January 18<sup>th</sup>



We have our next sausage sizzle at Bunnings Ballarat on **Friday January 18<sup>th</sup> 2019** which is just under 1 month 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 another **Friday** opportunity which we have been offered as a supplement to the weekend events which are keenly sought after. The last event we ran on 16<sup>th</sup> February this year was also a Friday and it turned out quite profitable for the club and well worth the effort, but as expected not as good as a Saturday.

I’ll put out the usual duty roster a week or so beforehand which gives time for comment and adjustments to suit individual needs. I realize only retired members can be

asked to attend. Going by the last event, three is probably enough on each shift, although four is the ideal number.

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.

We also have to comply with the new requirement to put the onions on the bread first as a way of mitigating spillage. See this article: [The humble Bunnings snag in bread is facing a change for safety reasons.](#)

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 (unless you’re havin’ a sickie!!!)

By the way, construction of the new Bunnings store in Delacombe is underway. It is located on the south/east corner of Glenelg Hwy and Wiltshire Lane which becomes Cherry Flat road south of Glenelg Hwy. That is on the east side of the new Delacombe Town Centre shopping complex.



I wonder what impact the new store will have on future sausage sizzle fund raisers. Initially it might mean more opportunities to run an event but customer numbers might be down as they spread across two stores.



### Event Calendar

**December 14<sup>th</sup> BRMFC Xmas Function (Friday night)**

Jan 5<sup>th</sup> 2019 (Sat) Float day experiment – South bank of Lake Burrumbeet at the Ski Club, 9:30AM

**Jan 18<sup>th</sup> (Fri) Sausage Sizzle – Bunnings Ballarat**

Feb 6<sup>th</sup> (Wed) Indoor Flying at Haddon Hall 7 - 9:30PM – BAMI. The first one for the year.

Feb 20<sup>th</sup> (Wed) Indoor Flying at Haddon Hall 7 - 9:30PM – BAMI

Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> Leura Fun Fly – Camperdown

<b>Mar 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fly-In – Trawalla, BRMFC</b>
March 24 <sup>th</sup>	Monty Tyrell Scale Rally – P&DARCS
April 6 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup>	2019 VMAA Trophy Weekend
April 13 <sup>th</sup> /14 <sup>th</sup>	Echuca Moama Annual Fun Fly – Echuca

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

That's all for now.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

G.W & R.C.