



NEWSLETTER – September, 2017

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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 September 27th 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. Strategic Plan Development
3. Field Maintenance
 - Murri to present proposal for paving alfresco area
4. Burrumbeet Airstrip
5. Asset Register
6. Display Day 2018
7. VFSAA scale day 8/10/2017 - catering etc.
8. Family Day Bunnings 21/10/2017
9. Ballarat Aero Modellers – indoor flying season extended

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: Fred reported on the meeting held on the 14th August 2017.

- The safety rules were reviewed with particular emphasis regarding rotary wing use at Trawalla Estate. These were made in reference to the BRMFC Constitution change in July 2014. Draft rules were presented, discussed, altered and passed unanimously. Alterations or additions to the rotary wing flying rules can be made in light of experience; any issues should be documented and/or reported to the safety officer or a committee member.

- Access to the flying fields on days of Total Fire Ban was restricted to under "special circumstances" only.

- Rule 16, "A fire extinguisher should be in the pits area at all times" was discussed and emphasis made it needs to be complied with at all times.

- Timber purchased by Murri for tables.

b) Other - Nil

8. General Business

a) Trawalla Estate Update - Nil

b) City of Ballarat Update – Graeme attempted contact with Ballarat Council, but was unsuccessful. Mark presented some Courier newspaper articles, these demonstrated the Council has done very little, and only the car club's use of the proposed centre was mentioned.

c) Strategic Plan Development – Graeme produced a draft document. There is a need to enact ideas to grow the club to ensure its future growth. For example approach Trawalla Estate management to increase our area to more easily accommodate all forms of models at the same time.

d) Field Maintenance

- Pavers to be purchased for the alfresco area – Murri to source and price.

- Purchase of shelving for the container; Roger will investigate.

- Member's notice board – will be placed on back of entrance door for use of all members.

- Supply of a deep-cycle battery for mower charging system – will be followed up by Fred.

e) Burrumbeet Airstrip

- Site is to be kept at the moment. Discussion took place regarding the potential for disunity by dividing flying groups between the two sites.
- Needs maintenance, as the runway currently is unusable.
- Redefine use (hand launched/multi rotor/rotary wing); mow a small (10-15m²) area for launching of models. This is because it is nearly impossible to maintain a quality runway without a large amount of preparation work, which the current usage rate would not justify.
- Meeting to be held with Paul Beechey on-site to discuss repair options following the sites ploughing and subsequent planting. Fred will make contact.

f) Asset Register – very nearly complete, values and depreciation table to be finished. Container keys holders could be added.

g) Display Day 2018 – The plan will kindly be updated by Jeff.

- Committee needs to be formed to organize the day.
- The Club's banners need to be updated and further advertising designed.

Paper (Courier), TV (WIN), radio (3BA), Facebook and other clubs notified for example.

- Posters could be printed and used at Bunning's Community day (21st October).

h) Facebook Page Review – Nil

9. Other Business

- Policy for FPV – as per current CASA/MAAA regulations. A copy is to be placed in the clubrooms.
- Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) – MAAA Club Assistance Scheme grant refused. The defibrillator would cost \$2595 approximately. Proposal to purchase one is to be placed in the next newsletter, asking if there are any objections. Due to another club being unable to make use of funds allocated to them under the club assistance scheme, the MAAA reversed its decision and made the grant available to BRMFC for the AED device.
- Revised Safety Rules – discussion of rotary wing, Total Fire Ban days, no smoking rule and fire extinguishers.
- Purchasing policy – to be reviewed by Fred.
- Application for trade account with Whitehead's timber. Murri to investigate (some reservations expressed).
- Club address – changes lodged with VMAA and Consumer Affairs Victoria.
- Club marquee with club name/logo – Good idea as it aids with club promotion, along with posters, banners etc. Could be used at other club

"Fly-ins" etc. for our members and advertising.

- Member's only area on website – deferred, Roger's busy J
- "Cooks and servers" required on Friday 1st September for Bunnings

Sausage sizzle and for the proposed Bunnings "Community and Family Fun Day" on Saturday 21st October 2017.

- In order to comply with safety rule 16 one or two small dry powder extinguishers need to be purchased and placed in the pits. Graeme to investigate the existing fire extinguisher's functionality/safety check date and the purchase of smaller units.

- Graeme will donate two trestle tables.

10. Meeting Closed 21.20hrs – Next meeting date 27th September 2017 at the Eastwood Leisure Complex, commencing 7.30pm.



VMAA News

Information gathered from the Minutes of the VMAA Executive Committee Meeting held on the 10th August 2017.

1.17 State Field Reports:-

Northern Flying Group –

Field in good condition, IMAC event successful and the VIC scale group to hold Team selections later in August.

Bairnsdale

Field in good condition report in September.

Echuca –

Report due in September.

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. Power has been connected and works on the new runway are due to start soon.

1.19 General Business:-

VRF and GVFFCo-op – Letter to be sent to the VRF regarding the Co-op Board

VMAA has agreed to sponsor the Shepparton Mammoth event with a donation of \$250

VMAA purpose and next steps

Discussion re website content and the future direction of the VMAA. All committee members will put forward their thoughts and proposals at the next meeting. Reeve Marsh will circulate some ideas to the committee for discussion in September.

Working with Children

Due to a legislation change in August all clubs are urged to check into the new Laws. In short you will now need a working with children certificate if you are involved with teaching or interacting with children in your clubs. The new laws are available on the Vic Gov website. Committee will be going into further detail at the September meeting when we have had more time to digest the information.

Wyndham City Council Sports Strategy

Council has produced its strategy for the Werribee area and is available on their website

MAAA council determinations

Members will be notified re any determinations

MAAA life membership has been awarded to Toni Axon. Plaque will be presented to Toni at the next meeting of the Melton Club. Norm T will present on behalf of the MAAA.



New Models seen at field

Graeme has been the new model jockey this month. What with a drone and an IC powered low wing sport model.



Graeme was trying out his newly acquired drone on Sunday 10th September. No doubt we will be getting some aerial shots of the field soon.



Looks a mean machine up close!!!



Graeme is readying his Sport 40 model for flight. From memory he said it's been in his workshop for quite a while and was about time it flew. Wingspan is 60", OS45 and Spectrum radio. Photos taken on Sunday 17th September.



Taxiing out for take-off. I'm not sure if this was the maiden flight.



The Sport 40 moments after lift-off. Model seemed to fly quite well from an observer point of view.



The Sport 40 on a landing approach. Graeme had several flights with it that day.



Goin's on at the Field

Fire Extinguishers

In total four new 1kg dry powder fire extinguishers have been obtained to ensure we are fire ready as the hot weather approaches.



Peter Evans was able to acquire two 1kg dry powder fire extinguishers which are removed from new aircraft imported from the USA. These were mounted on the two internal walls of the kitchen on Sunday 27th August. This one is at the entrance.



This one is located on the internal wall in the servery area.



Two new fire extinguishers were purchased recently to mount outside. One is attached to the battery charging station. The other out on the fence next to the pit area. They aren't left out all the time just when needed.





With the acquisition of the shelving unit, which we picked up at Bunnings on the day of the sausage sizzle, the container is now nicely organized with plenty of room to walk down past the mowers without tripping over something.



We came across a short length of aluminium tubing in the container during the cleanout and I used it to cut spacer blocks for the handles on the generator. Prevents the supports from collapsing inwards under load.



Fitted spacers to the generator handle brackets to prevent the "fingers" from collapsing inward. A job that has needed doing ever since it was purchased. For the money it's a great generator – just needed a bit of finishing off.

New Table/Seats



Over the past few weeks Murri had constructed the leg assemblies for the two new table/seats as well as cutting the tops and seat to length. There were a few helpers available on Sunday 10th September to assemble the parts to make up the new seats. A job well done.



The new table/seats are a welcome addition to the field amenities.



It was good flying weather on Sunday the 10th September. "Gyro" Wayne had the Cub out and managed to get in several flights. Managed to snap this one on take-off.

Paving the "Alfresco" Area

We've been looking at various options to provide a solid surface under the covered "Alfresco" area for a while now and I think it is safe to say we have settled on 450mm lightweight concrete slabs.

Last Sunday we started levelling the area in earnest ready for the pavers which are to be purchased following approval at the September meeting.



The retaining timber edge was moved out some 150mm to accommodate an even number of 450mm slabs. Originally 600x600 slabs were to be laid.



Murri is levelling the gravel which had been roughly laid a few weeks ago. It had compacted quite hard around the heater and took a bit of breaking the surface so it could be levelled.



Graeme needed to use his walking stick after a stint on the shovel.



Murri on the whacker to compact the surface in readiness for the pavers. A bit more course fill is required along with fine blue stone dust to bed the pavers on.



Nigel's mate had a whacker that we were able to borrow to compact the gravel. Some might suggest there are three whackers in this photo but the editor doesn't think that.



Tips & Tricks

Any items of interest would be much appreciated.



Events

Sausage Sizzle Bunnings Ballarat – September 1st



We held our eleventh sausage sizzle at Bunnings

Ballarat on Friday September 1st under fairly good weather conditions for most of the day. The temperature reached a balmy 13 degrees however

the north wind made it rather chilly at times. The wind direction makes a difference; from the south is the best because it carries the fat from the BBQ away from those in

the gazebo and the smell of onions wafts into the store which is good for business.

This was the first time we'd ever done a weekday event at Bunnings so were a little apprehensive about volume of sales so didn't buy up too much in advance. Normally we'd purchase around 900 snags for a Saturday and still have to buy extra late in the day. This time we pre-purchased 350 from Ballarat Meats and had to buy another 190 or so from the supermarket around 12:30PM. An initial purchase of 500 would be about right for a Friday.



Left to right, Ted Arnup peeling the onions, Fred Eggleston ready to serve the customers and Glenn White cooking. Photo taken around 10:15AM.

In the past we've always sold snags for \$2 and drinks \$1.50 but Bunnings now have a national standard of \$2.50 for sausages and \$1.50 for drinks. In a way it's good because it boosted our profit margin considerably to the extent that we were able to make \$1020 profit out of 500 whereas on previous weekend events we made around \$1600 for around 1100 sales. People seem to pay \$2.50 okay with one lady purchasing 8 which comes to \$20.

In a nutshell it would seem a Friday is half the volume of a Saturday/Sunday. Obviously there are no school age kids so that changes the dynamic considerably.



There were busy times and there were quiet times. This shot was taken around 1PM during a lull in trade. Jeff was the cook over the midday period.



This lady was our best single customer and was quite insistent that she could manage 8 snags on her arm. I said to her "Can I get a photo of that?"



There were still plenty of busy times – quite often customers were queued up waiting to be served.

Many thanks to the members who were able to make it for their shift. I think it was an eye opener for those who haven't done it before just how busy it gets and that was a Friday. Between 10:30AM and 2PM it is full on.

We have submitted our club as a group who could do a Friday on reasonably short notice and also have our name down for a weekend event. It's certainly well worth it for the profit that can be made. Weekend gigs are extremely sought after by community groups and I think are becoming harder to get.

Indoor Flying at Haddon Hall – September 6th

There was a good rollup at the indoor flying on Wednesday evening September 6th. I didn't make it on the last event held on September 20th so not sure exactly what happened.



Nigel flying Graeme's little chopper.

Clive Phillips had another one of his free flight models, this one electric powered and a model of a bumble bee. I videoed the entire flight which lasted 42 seconds and covered almost two and a half full circuits of the hall. A few snaps out of the movie from launch to landing are shown below.



Clive about to launch the bumble bee. Even sounds like a bee!!!



And off it goes in a circle that took it to the full width of the hall. Obviously perfectly trimmed to suit the hall.



As it came around it only missed the wall by a few feet and really close on the second lap.



Here it sails past my camera only a few feet out in front.



Just completed lap one as it went past Clive.



Now on the second lap



After almost two and a half laps the motor quit and it settled down for a landing. I'm not sure if it is on a timer or that is how long the battery lasts for.

The indoor flying has been extended for an extra month so the next two events are October 4th & 18th.

The Ballarat Aero Modellers who host the indoor flying are putting on a BBQ on the last event for the year which is October 18th. Commencing at 6PM, BYO drinks.

Next year (2018) it looks like running from February through to November if they can secure the hall.



Coming Events

VFSAA Sportscale Competition – Sunday Oct 8th

BRMFC is hosting a round of VFSAA Sportscale at our Trawalla field on Sunday October 8th.

These events can be cancelled in the week leading up to the event if the weather forecast is unsatisfactory or if there is a lack of entries due to other reasons.

If the event proceeds the club will run the canteen as usual and will need some helpers.

Community & Family Fun Day – Saturday Oct 21st

Bunnings Ballarat is holding a community & family fun day on Saturday October 21st. As regular sausage sizzle participants we have been asked to participate. We aren't too sure of exactly what to expect but it will be an event where we can showcase our hobby to the public and

hopefully stir up some interest. We'll need some models on display and flyers to hand out.



Well it has been such a long time since I have sent anything out regarding the club I thought that it was high time that I did. We have not been very active during the last couple of months but that is all about to change soon with the onset of better weather just around the corner. We have also been successful in gaining a grant from the MAAA for a couple of gates as well as some signs to be produced so there is plenty happening in the background all the time.

We will be holding our next organised flying weekend at the Ararat Airfield over the weekend of **October 21st and 22nd**. We will be able to fly late into the evening as daylight savings will have begun and hopefully we should have some decent weather by then. We will also be supplying a BBQ on the Saturday night at a modest cost as well. Storage of rigged models should also be available on the Saturday night in the Gliding club hangars. Camping will also be available as well as beds in the bunkhouse on a first come first served basis. Hot showers are also available on site as well as Men's and Women's toilets. Also anyone that would like to attend could you please let me know a couple of days before just to help with the catering. It should be a good weekend and I hope to see you there.

General club flying is also ready to kick off as well. At this stage we might try flying on Saturdays and see how it goes especially as daylight savings is only a couple of weeks away. If anyone wants to come for a fly, just contact me and I will make sure that we have a crew available. Hope to see you soon.

Cheers Dave Lovell.

Hamilton Fun Fly & Swap Meet – Nov 25th/26th

The next club trip away event will be the annual pilgrimage down to Hamilton over the w/e of November 25th/26th. If you plan to go it would be a good idea to organize accommodation now. There is also ample room for onsite camping at the field of which many modellers from around the state and beyond take advantage of. So if you decide to camp you won't be on your own.

Many of us regularly stay at the Hamilton Lakeside Motel <http://hamiltonlakesidemotel.com.au/>

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Event Calendar

August 20 th (Sun.)	VFSAA Scale State Champs – NFG
Sep 1st (Fri.)	Sausage Sizzle – Bunnings Ballarat
Sep 9 th (Sat.)	½ A Texaco, Burford, Duration – Echuca
Sep 10 th (Sun.)	Texaco, 38 Ant, Climb & Glide – SAM600
Sep 9 th /10 th	Shepparton Mammoth Scale Fly-In – VRF
Sep 17 th (Sun.)	VFSAA Scale Comp – Yarra Valley
Oct 4 th (Wed.)	Indoor Flying at Haddon Hall 7 - 9:30PM – BAMI
Oct 7 th (Sat.)	Sunbury Annual Auction – Sunbury MAC
Oct 8th (Sun.)	VFSAA Scale Comp – Trawalla, BRMFC
Oct 18 th (Wed.)	Indoor Flying at Haddon Hall 6 - 9:30PM – BAMI Starting at 6PM with a BBQ put on by BAMI for the flyers. BYO drinks.
Oct 20 th -22 nd	Albury Seaplane Weekend – TCMAC
Oct 21st (Sat)	Community & Family Fun Day – Bunnings Ball.
Oct 21 st /22 nd	F1 Air Race Champs Canberra – NAAS
Nov 4 th /5 th	Mosskosh Annual Fun Fly Ararat – A&DAC
Nov 11 th /12 th	Scratch Build Scale Rally – P&DARCS
Nov 18 th	Hayden Hampson and Frank Curzon Memorial Day – Yarra Valley
Nov 25 th /26 th	Hamilton Fun Fly & Swap Meet – Hamilton
Nov 26 th	1/2A Texaco, Burford, Duration SAM600 Climb & Glide – Ballarat BAMI
Feb 25th 2018	Display Day – BRMFC Trawalla
Feb 25 th 2018	Leura Fun Fly 2018 – CMAC
Apr 21 st /22 nd	2018 VMAA Trophy Weekend

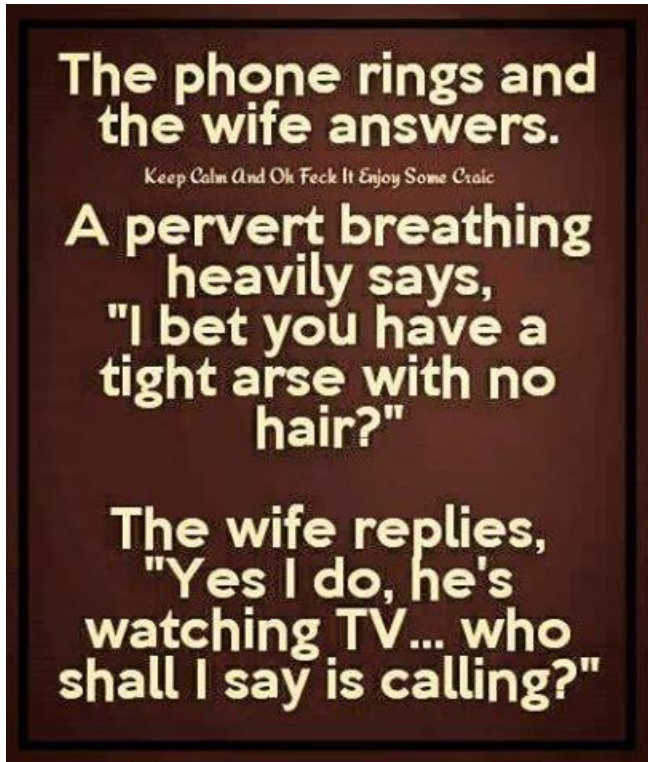
See the [VMAA Calendar](#) for all Victorian events.

That's all for now. Good flying.

G.W & R.C.

Time for some Frivolity – the sealed section

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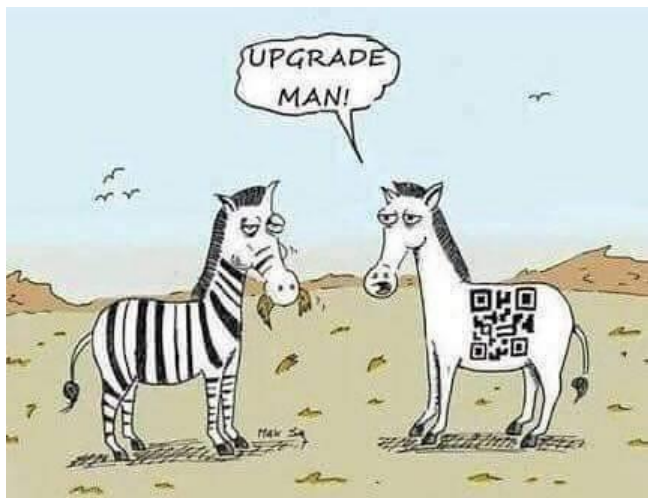


Low Battery

A man saved his girlfriend's phone number on his mobile as 'Low Battery'. Whenever she calls him, in his absence, his wife takes the phone and plugs it into the charger. Give that man a medal!!!

Winning Lotto

Two Thai girls asked a guy if he'd like to go bed with them; they said it would be just like winning Lotto! He agreed, and they were right. They all stripped off, and to his horror, they had six matching balls!!! Hmmm must've been lady boys.



You might need a little help with this – the Zebra on the right has upgraded from barcode to QR code.

