



NEWSLETTER – January, 2020

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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 22nd 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
3. Field Maintenance
4. Burrumbeet Airstrip
5. February 1st Float Fly
6. Organization of the March 8th Fun-fly
7. VFSAA (Victorian Flying Scale Aircraft Association) request
8. Field entry/flying in fire danger times

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.

These were included in the December 2019 newsletter.



VMAA News

Information gathered from the Minutes of the VMAA Executive Committee Meeting held on the 12th December 2019 which might be of interest to members. Note: some situations may have changed since then.

16. Education Officers Report:

16.1 The purchase of the Eclipse TX for \$100 has been completed. The Education Officer to use the Tx with his current training equipment more effectively. Report being submitted for the bulletin.

16.2 MWMAA (Mount Wallace formerly Bacchus Marsh club) is holding a "Try Fly Day" on 19 Jan 2020.

18. SFI Report:

18.1 SFI Mid Report submitted – SFI tabled a report updating the committee on progress with the recertification and courses completed so far. Completed a further two instructor's courses at P&DARCS (20 students) and NFG (12 students). Additional courses programmed for 2020.

18.2 Training Equipment – The MAAA initially provided three transmitters and a flight simulator to conduct training. Currently, we have one mode one master and a mode 1 & 2 slaves. Issues are the instructional part of the training when a mode two student needs to demonstrate his instructional techniques. Need a second set of training transmitters which is wireless. If we have a second set, no need to constantly rebinding transmitters. To have four transmitters would greatly assist. Model Flight is prepared to provide another transmitter to assist the training requirement at a reduced price which is proceeding.

18.3 Wing Status. The period from October to December 2019, 10 wings have been awarded.

18.4 Instructor Notification:

18.4.1 The number of instructors in the VMAA, 235. All but 77 have responded in regards to recertification.

18.4.2 Instructors that do not wish to continue as instructors to date: 23.

18.5 Next Instructor's Course Date –

18.5.1 P&DARCS – 18 Jan 2020

18.5.2 VARMS – 15 Feb 2020

18.5.3 Additional courses organised as required. Each course will have a maximum of 20 students.

18.6 Recertification MAAA Instructors – Recertification of MAAA Instructors to be completed by 30 June 2020. As from the 01/07/2020, those that have not completed their refresher course with have their certification revoked.

18.7 Update on National Recertification. – The President tabled from the President meeting that on a national level, over 30% of instructors have been recertified.

19. State Field Reports:

19.1 Darraweit Guim – Completed the yearly Christmas Carols which supports the Darraweit Guim community. Fallen trees need to be cleared which have fallen on the fence line. Organising for the trees to be removed as soon as possible and fence line repaired.

19.2 Mount Wallace – Float fly-in held on Sunday 08 Dec and ran well. Several pilots attended from various clubs with prizes awarded as part of the raffle on the day. It was a great day with plenty of water. The event will be held again.

21.8 President's Meeting on 7 Dec 19 – A "Presidents Conference" has been instituted by the MAAA as a way of having some operational matters discussed and addressed during the year without having to wait for the full MAAA Council Conference around May each year. Highlights from the conference:

21.8.1 This year, the conference's primary focus was the financial reporting and the audit reports. There was agreement that some additional information regarding the MAAA financials should be added to the summary released to the membership; the MAAA Treasurer will work on a suitable approach.

21.8.2 The MAAA has instituted a small working group to review and refresh the Manual of Procedures – this work is continuing, and new drafts will start to be available early in 2020.

21.8.3 Another small group is going to look at opportunities to develop online systems and mobile apps to streamline assessments and record-keeping for Wings ratings and model permits.

21.8.4 It was noted that Working with Children Check requirements are now universal if not necessarily consistent across states. Clubs need to be aware of their state legislation requirements and how this impacts their club operations. Unfortunately, there is no simple "just do this" approach that is guaranteed to comply.

21.8.5 The MAAA Instructor Recertification programme is progressing well in all states, with the smaller states nearing completion and the larger states around 35% to 45% complete.

21.9 Airband Radios – Secretary tabled a discussion held with the MAAA Secretary in regards to Airband radios for clubs close to aerodromes. There is a requirement for clubs to monitor radio communications for GA aircraft. MAAA may be able to buy in bulk and then offer to those clubs that require such a radio. Additional information will be provided once known.



New Models seen at field

I haven't noticed any this month.



Goin's on at the Field

Sunday 19th January was an excellent day for flying and saw several members at the field. We also had a BBQ lunch using up some of the leftover snags & onions from the Bunnings sausage sizzle the day before. Max donned the apron and did a great job – he was just getting in a bit more practice after being cook No.1 at Bunnings.



Nigel had a wee mishap on landing with his Citabria (I think) breaking the wooden prop on the props first outing.





Wayne starting the DLE35 in his Piper Cub.



Jeff readying the LA Special for another flight.

The field sure has dried out in the last couple of months. The photo below was taken on 17th November for comparison.



Photo taken on 17th November 2019 during BRMFC/BAMI interclub day.



Tips & Tricks

A few more interesting YouTube clips arrived on my phone over the last month which I thought may be of interest.

Watch "R/C Airplane with 12x Gas Engine Dornier DO-X 1929 Lufthansa Giant RC Scale Flying Boat by M.Bräuer" on YouTube <https://youtu.be/8wIYa7cLJN8>

Watch "RC Airbus A-380 Gigantic Airliner 50'000\$ Radio controlled Turbine Model Singapore Airlines" on YouTube <https://youtu.be/82GSJFIOWAg>

Watch "F-22 Raptor Vapor Demo and Heritage Flight - Spirit of St. Louis Airshow 2019" on YouTube <https://youtu.be/bEqM8HQ44RA>

Now for a couple of non-aviation to mix it up a bit.

Watch "Subaru F-bombs Forester in Singapore (not clickbait - they did) | AutoExpert John Cadogan" on YouTube https://youtu.be/JRWQ4_Gnnjw

Watch "Secret Profile Pipe! WHY DO WELDERS NOT SPEAK ABOUT IT ?" on YouTube <https://youtu.be/LHiPMLElJUE>



Events

Sausage Sizzle Bunnings— Saturday January 18th



We held another very successful fundraiser at the

Bunnings Ballarat Creswick Road store on Saturday 18th January. Conditions were ideal with a top temperature of around 28° C and a light northerly

breeze. The only problem with a north wind is the heat and spatter from the BBQ blows over those working in the gazebo and on a warm day it does get rather tiring. But overall the conditions were near perfect, let's hope for much the same for our next event on Friday 7th February.

Even with the new Delacombe store as competition, we were still extremely busy for most of the day which was 8:30AM through to 4:30PM. We could have gone on longer but everyone was getting pretty tired by then so we decided to shut down and clean up.

Bunnings asked us a few months back if we wanted to stay with the Creswick Road store or go with the new Delacombe store. After some deliberation we decided to stay put.

A preliminary tally up of the day's takings & costs indicates we made just over \$1400 profit which will no doubt go towards the new mower we've been promising ourselves.



The early morning shift (Fred, Peter & Max) who had to get the show on the road.



Poor old Wayne was flat out during the midday shift – we’ve never seen him work so hard, he was raising a sweat!!!



Murri was in charge of onions and after getting a bit tired found a couple of tubs of sand to sit on.



Lily from Bunnings took a group photo late afternoon. Graeme was too busy with the bread & napkins to turn around for Lily.



Coming Events

Indoor Flying at Haddon Hall – 2020

Kevin Howard from BAMI has confirmed the Haddon Hall committee has approved indoor flying on the **first and third Wednesday** of each month, 7pm to 9.30pm starting on Wednesday the 5th of February through until Wednesday the 18th of November 2020, we have also been offered the Hall BBQ and Cricket Club room on the last night to hold an end of year BBQ.

Float day – 1st February

The club is planning another float day at Lake Burrumbeet on Saturday morning 1st February. The location is on the south bank of the lake near the boat club.



Photo from the inaugural event held on 5th January 2019.

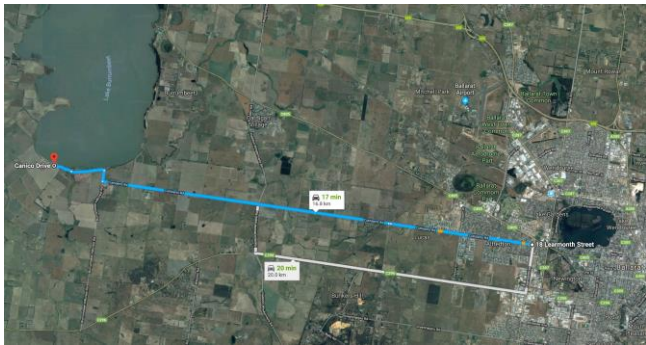
Last year we held it on January 5th and met at 9:30AM in Canico Drive near the boat club. The meeting point is roughly 17km from the corner of Cuthberts Road and Learmonth Street. So I guess we’ll do the same again this year.

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

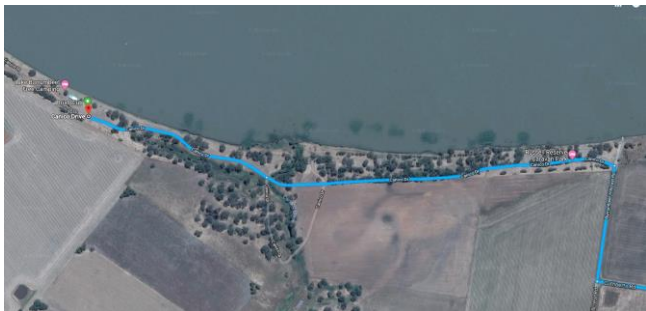
We had quite big turn out last year so hopefully the same or better this year. It was decided at the last meeting to make sure it wasn’t during the holiday period when many might be away.

To top off the morning we’ll have a BBQ lunch like we did last time. BAMI is kindly donating sausages leftover from their recent Bunnings BBQ which is much appreciated.

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.



This is the location we used last time so might as well assemble here again after which we can decide the most appropriate spot to use.

Sausage Sizzle Bunnings– Friday February 7th



We have another sausage sizzle coming up at Bunnings Ballarat Creswick Rd store on **Friday February 7th** which is just over 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.

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

All this has been said before. Bunnings has 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. I realize this is only open to retired members or those on holidays so others may obviously disregard.

Warrnambool Annual Fun Fly – March 21st/22nd

Several members of BRMFC usually head down to Warrnambool for their annual fun fly. I asked around at the field last Sunday and it seems the usual ones intend to go.

Those that stay in town will need to book their accommodation pretty soon.

BRMFC/BAMI interclub day – 5th April (TBC)

The annual Graham Waterhouse inter-club day with BAMI will most likely take place on Sunday 5th April which will be at their field in Brewster. (Last year it was on held on April 7th). This will be confirmed over the coming weeks.



Event Calendar

- January 18th (Sat) Sausage Sizzle – Bunnings Ballarat**
- February 1st (Sat) Float day – South bank of Lake Burrumbeet at the Ski Club, 9:30AM**
- Feb 5th (Wed) Indoor Flying at Haddon Hall 7 - 9:30PM – BAMI. The first one for the year.
- February 7th (Fri) Sausage Sizzle – Bunnings Ballarat**
- Feb 19th (Wed) Indoor Flying at Haddon Hall 7 - 9:30PM – BAMI
- Feb 22nd/23rd 2020 Leura Fun Fly – Camperdown
- Mar 4th (Wed) Indoor Flying at Haddon Hall 7 - 9:30PM – BAMI
- March 8th Fly-In – Trawalla, BRMFC ?????**
- Mar 18th (Wed) Indoor Flying at Haddon Hall 7 - 9:30PM – BAMI
- March 21st/22nd Warrnambool Annual Fun Fly – WMAC
New Clubhouse opening Saturday 1PM.
- March 22nd Monty Tyrell Scale Rally – P&DARCS
- April 1st (Wed) Indoor Flying at Haddon Hall 7 - 9:30PM – BAMI
- April 5th BRMFC/BAMI interclub day at BAMI field (TBC)**
- April 4th/5th Echuca Moama Annual Fun Fly - EMMAC
- April 10th-13th Easter long weekend
- April 15th (Wed) Indoor Flying at Haddon Hall 7 - 9:30PM – BAMI
- April 18th/19th VMAA Trophy – P&DARCS
- April 23rd-26th VJAA Wangaratta International Jet Event

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

That’s all for now. Happy landings.
Roger.