



NEWSLETTER – May, 2016

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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 May 25th** commencing at **7.30PM**. **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
5. Burrumbeet Airstrip
6. Asset Register
7. MAAA Survey Results
8. MAAA Insurance Update

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

I) Management Committee Report

No meeting to report.

II) Haddon Indoor Flying

First and third Wednesday of the month. M Anstis advises that it is a good, fun night.

III) Airborne Magazine

Kato and Mat Werner had honourable mentions at the Ararat 3D weekend – with zero crashes. J Coughlan lost his plane in fog, but fortunately recovered in time.

8. General Business

I) Trawalla Estate Update

G Allen reported that he and M Rowan met with the Manager of Trawalla Estate, and were pleasantly surprised that he has no issue with the Club staying. The Manager believed that the owners would most likely agree, and he will confirm. The airstrip area has been reduced, but is still workable for the Club. The Estate will crop the area for two years, and then return the paddock to grass. If the owners agree to BRMFC staying, discussions will then take place regarding rent. If the owners are not prepared to leave the

Club at its current location, the Manager advised that he would find some other place on the Trawalla Estates property.

II) City of Ballarat Update

G Allen reported that the CofB sub-committee which was to meet on April 28 has been cancelled as the initial report has now been included in Council's report cycle, and has now to be approved by other Council oversight committees.

III) Strategic Plan Development

Secretary to distribute the questionnaire to members when Peter Hexter drops the file in.

The MAAA surveyed members of clubs in late 2015, which may have useful results, and the Secretary is waiting for the MAAA Secretary to return from holidays.

IV) Field Maintenance

a) Nil at Trawalla.

V) Asset Register

J Coughlan has it as a work in progress.

9. Other Business

I) Field Insurance

Secretary has checked with MAAA to see if Club property is covered under the umbrella MAAA policy. The MAAA web site says that club property IS covered.

The Secretary is waiting for the MAAA Secretary to return from holidays.

J Coughlan will also check the VMAA site to ensure that the interpretation of the damage to property is correct,

II) Circuit Flying

M Anstis raised the issue of circuit flying, or lack of adherence to the rules. The point was made that the IMAC flyers waited until the circuit flyers had landed, before flying IMAC routines. Co-operative use of the airspace is working well, and pilots are reminded to communicate take-off and landing events to other pilots.

III) Safety Rules Update

Need to remove the clause stating that Associates will be issued with keys.

IV) Helicopter Flying at Trawalla

Someone has been flying at Trawalla in contravention of the Club rules. Members are reminded that helicopters, drones, etc. are to be flown at Burrumbeet, **not** at Trawalla, which is designated fixed-wing only.

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11. Meeting location

The next meeting will be held on the 25th May 2016, **in the Canteen, Eastwood St Leisure Complex, Eastwood Street, commencing 7:30PM.**

Meeting Closed at 8:46PM



BRMFC Membership Fees 2016/2017

Just a quick reminder that Member Subscriptions for the 2016-2017 year will be due shortly. Our trusty Treasurer has adjusted for CPI, and the numbers have varied by a small amount.

Based on the CPI for the last year of 1.3% the full membership club fees go up by \$1 to \$95. This is the guideline we established back in 2008.

As of 23rd May we have not received guidance on the VMAA/MAAA components that go to make up the total fees for 2016/2017. One would assume a very small increase if any from last year.

Once we find out, the Membership Form on the club web site will be modified to show the revised subs.

The June newsletter will definitely have the updated subs for 2016/2017.

Please note Thursday, 30th June is the last day you can fly if your fees are not paid.



VMAA/MAAA News

Every MAAA affiliate member should have received the email from the MAAA president sent on May 24th detailing the outcome of the MAAA Council Conference held in Perth over the weekend 14th and 15th of May.

I will forward my copy to all BRMFC members in case there are email address discrepancies, so if you have received the original just delete the one from BRMFC editor.

The MAAA fees remain the same so we just need the VMAA component now to establish our total fees.



Field News

For one reason or another I hadn't been out to the field since April 24th to see what has been going on, so irrespective of the weather I went out on Sunday May 22nd. When I arrived Murri was there on the John Deere mower tending to the main runway. The northerly wind was blowing pretty strong – in fact you could almost lean back into it!!! Shortly after I arrived Rick Gerada (potential new member) also arrived so it was just the three of us. We had fish & Chips for lunch which was most enjoyable. It's great having the services of Beaufort only 6 km away.



Murri riding the John Deere mower.

Even though the new owner has ploughed the paddock in preparation for sowing a crop of some sort, we still have plenty of room. I measured the north/south runway by timing how long it took to walk the length. My walking speed is 100m/min and it took 1.5 minutes, so it is 150m long. The east/west which we didn't use much in any case will need some redefining, probably at an angle of about 25-30 degrees which means take-off is not towards the property of the neighbour that complained earlier on.

At the moment you won't want to land out in the rough, but once the crop grows it will be relatively safe if a power failure causes an emergency. It looks like the ploughing direction is east/west, so if you are forced to land in the outfield, do your best to land in an east west direction as well. You'll probably get away without tearing out undercarriage – go across the ploughed furrows and it will be bad news.



Photo taken from the north end of the field looking south. It extends 150m to the southern boundary.



Looking SW across to the facilities from standing on the northern edge of the field. We still have a fair amount of area to conduct our flying operations. The ploughing and cropping hasn't affected flying over of the whole paddock.



This joins on to the photo above on the left side (SSW direction).

We discovered last Sunday (22nd May) that the fuel tank on the John Deere mower leaks if filled anywhere near full.

There's a sight gauge built into the tank that protrudes through the plastic body shroud at the rear which has been covered in dust & grass primarily due to the leak. It would appear the leak is from the seam joining the upper & lower

sections of the tank. After filling and discovering the leak we siphoned fuel out and noted the leak stopped when the level was about ¾ up the sight gauge. It will need remedial action in the not too distant future. Cracking of the tank is also visible around the filler neck which may extend further down.



Glenn's trip to Europe

Glenn and his wife Judy are currently in Europe on a motoring holiday through parts of France and Switzerland. They left on Sunday 8th May and flew to UK where they stayed with old friends for a few days before departing for Paris. They are due back in oz around June 30th just in time to vote. At least they get to miss all the electioneering BS!!!

Glenn has had driving across the big bridge in France on his bucket list for a while so it looks like he has achieved it by the photos he sent on Monday May 23rd. Glenn said he will do a report when he gets back so in the meantime I have interpreted these photos the best I can.



The Millau Viaduct (French: le Viaduc de Millau), is a cable-stayed bridge that spans the valley of the River Tarn near Millau in southern France. Designed by the French structural engineer Michel Virlogeux and British architect Norman Foster, it is the tallest bridge in the world with one mast's summit at 343.0 meters above the base of the structure. It is the 17th highest bridge deck in the world, being 270 metres between the road deck and the ground below. The Millau Viaduct is part of the A75-A71 auto route axis from Paris to Béziers and Montpellier. The cost of construction was approximately €400 million. It was formally inaugurated on 14 December 2004, and opened to traffic on 16 December. The bridge has been consistently ranked as one of the great engineering achievements of all time. The bridge received the 2006 International Association for Bridge and Structural Engineering Outstanding Structure Award. (Information sourced from https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Millau_Viaduct)



This must be the car they've hired to drive around France and Switzerland.



Hotel DU NORD – a Bing search reveals lots of hotels by that name so not sure where it is exactly. Looks quaint though.



Lal Lal Wind Farm

Still being on WestWind Energy's information distribution list, I received their May 2016 newsletter on the 19th May.

It's of no consequence to us as a club now, but members may be interested to know what is going on so I pick out any info relevant to the Lal Lal wind farm and include it in the newsletter.

The application to amend the planning permit is still with the Victorian Planning Minister. (Looks like there's four less turbines in the planning application amendment but they are now significantly larger in power generation, height and diameter.) They hope to have a decision on the amendment by the end of the financial year. Positive discussions are also taking place with potential investors.

The newsletter also said WestWind is making good progress with investors on the sale of the Moorabool wind farm project. They expect more clarity on the construction timeline in the second half of this year.



Tips & Tricks

Be ever so careful with those propellers

Graham Waterhouse has an important reminder for us all. "Always be on guard when it comes to propeller safety!!!"

On the afternoon of Thursday 5th May he was running the Irvine 72 in his Slik Fly to try and determine why it was stopping. He was doing so in his garage on a dull day, the propeller was black and did not have white tips. While using a screwdriver to make adjustments he did not see his hand get in the way of the prop mainly due to the dull light. The garage light was on behind him, but he was effectively in his own light which led to the accident.



There's the villain on the left. Photo taken on Sunday 24th April. I remember seeing Graham taxi the Slik Fly out to the strip and it stopped.

Graham was home alone at the time and his cries for help were heard by a next door neighbour, a retired nurse (fortunately) who came in to assist and get him down to the hospital emergency ward.

He lost the tip on the little finger of his right hand (hasn't found it yet) and the tips of the next two were badly lacerated. Surgery was required necessitating a trip to Geelong hospital on the following Monday where a hand surgeon trimmed the end of the little finger and did a skin graft.

I spoke with Graham today (23rd May) and he expects to make a good recovery without too many adverse effects.

June said he was out in the garage a few days after the operation painting the tips of his propellers white.



Coming Events

Indoor Flying

Ballarat Aero Modellers (The Haddon Club) have booked the Haddon hall from April until October from 7PM until 9.30PM on the **first & third** Wednesdays of the month. For your convenience the dates of the twelve occasions have been listed in the event calendar below.

Sausage Sizzle Bunnings Ballarat – October 15th



We were notified on the 4th May by Bunnings Ballarat that BRMFC has been allocated Saturday October 15th 2016 to run the community sausage sizzle. This will be our 10th event at Bunnings with the first one held at the old store in Gillies Street on October 21st 2006. To date the club has made \$11,630 profit from the nine events averaging \$1,292 per event. The average at the Creswick Road store is \$1,505 per event, so as you can see they are well worth the effort.

The demand from community groups must be intense now because we missed out on an allocation last year (2015). The response from Bunnings was to our submission dated 8th October 2014 following our last event held on Sunday October 5th 2014.

Please put this date in your diary so you can be available for a stint on the day. Remember the old saying "many hands make light work".



Event Calendar

Apr 30 th – May 1 st	2016 Mildura Fun Fly Mildura – Sunraysia Aero Modellers
May 4 th	Indoor Flying at Haddon Hall 7 - 9:30PM – BAMI (1 st Wed of month April to October)
May 14 th /15 th	Annual Autumn Scale Rally Albury – TCMAC
May 18 th	Indoor Flying at Haddon Hall 7 - 9:30PM – BAMI (3 rd Wed of month April to October)
May 21 st /22 nd	Wimmera Fun Fly Horsham – WMAA Field - Burnt Creek Drive. 40th Anniversary
May 27 th -29 th	Adelaide Model Aerospot Jet Action 2016 – Monarto Field SA.
May 29 th (Sun)	VFSAA Scale Event – P&DARCS. (Rescheduled from May 22 nd due to inclement weather forecast)
June 1 st	Indoor Flying at Haddon Hall 7 - 9:30PM – BAMI (1 st Wed of month April to October)
June 11 th /12 th	VFSAA VicScale Trophy – Shepparton
June 15 th	Indoor Flying at Haddon Hall 7 - 9:30PM – BAMI (3 rd Wed of month April to October)
July 6 th	Indoor Flying at Haddon Hall 7 - 9:30PM – BAMI (1 st Wed of month April to October)
July 10 th (Sun)	VFSAA Scale Event – BRMFC Trawalla
July 20 th	Indoor Flying at Haddon Hall 7 - 9:30PM – BAMI (3 rd Wed of month April to October)
August 3 rd	Indoor Flying at Haddon Hall 7 - 9:30PM – BAMI (1 st Wed of month April to October)
August 17 th	Indoor Flying at Haddon Hall 7 - 9:30PM – BAMI (3 rd Wed of month April to October)
Aug 20 th /21 st	Large Scale Racing – Bendigo
Sep 7 th	Indoor Flying at Haddon Hall 7 - 9:30PM – BAMI (1 st Wed of month April to October)

Sep 21 st	Indoor Flying at Haddon Hall 7 - 9:30PM – BAMI (3 rd Wed of month April to October)
Oct 8 th /9 th	VMAA Trophy weekend – P&DARCS
Oct 5 th	Indoor Flying at Haddon Hall 7 - 9:30PM – BAMI (1 st Wed of month April to October)
October 15th (Sat)	BRMFC Sausage sizzle – Bunnings Ballarat
Oct 19 th	Indoor Flying at Haddon Hall 7 - 9:30PM – BAMI (3 rd Wed of month April to October)
Nov 26 th /27 th	Hamilton Fun Fly & Swap Meet – Hamilton

Just a short newsletter this month – not really much happening with all the bad weather lately. There's a few jokes further on to fill up a bit of empty space.

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 item. It contains adult themes, but no crude language or nudity.

I heard a guy complaining about how expensive his wedding is. He is going to be real pissed when he finds out how much his divorce is going to cost.

Fifty bucks is fifty bucks

Buddy and his wife Edna went to the state fair every year, and every year Buddy would say, "Edna, I'd like to ride in that helicopter."

Edna always replied, "I know Buddy, but that helicopter ride is fifty bucks, and fifty bucks is fifty bucks."

One year Buddy and Edna went to the fair, and Buddy said, "Edna, I'm 85 years old. If I don't ride that helicopter, I might never get another chance."

To this, Edna replied, "Buddy that helicopter ride is fifty bucks, and fifty bucks is fifty bucks."

The pilot overheard the couple and said, "Folks I'll make you a deal. I'll take the both of you for a ride. If you can stay quiet for the entire ride and don't say a word I won't charge you a penny!

But if you say one word its fifty dollars."

Buddy and Edna agreed and up they went. The pilot did all kinds of fancy manoeuvres, but not a word was heard. He did his daredevil tricks over and over again, but still not a word.

When they landed, the pilot turned to Buddy and said, "By golly, I did everything I could to get you to yell out, but you didn't. I'm impressed!"

Buddy replied, "Well, to tell you the truth, I almost said something when Edna fell out, but you know, fifty bucks is fifty bucks!"

Love is blind for a Golfer

Ed and Linda met on a singles cruise; Ed fell head over heels for her.



When they discovered they lived in the same city, only a few miles apart, Ed was ecstatic. He immediately started asking her out when they got home. Within a couple of weeks, Ed had taken Linda to dance clubs, restaurants, concerts, movies, and museums. Ed became convinced that Linda was indeed his soul mate and true love.

Every date seemed better than the last. On the one-month anniversary of their first dinner on the cruise ship, Ed took Linda to a fine restaurant.

While having cocktails and waiting for their salad, Ed said, "I guess you can tell I'm very much in love with you. I'd like a little serious talk before our relationship continues. So, before I get a box out of my jacket and ask you a life changing question, it's only fair to warn you, I'm a total golf nut. I play golf, I read about golf, I watch golf on TV.

In short, I eat, sleep, and breathe golf. If that's going to be a problem for us, you'd better say so now!"

Linda paused- responded, "Ed, that certainly won't be a problem.

I love you as you are and I love golf too; but, since we're being totally honest with each other, you need to know that for the last five years I've been a hooker." Ed said, "I bet it's because you're not keeping your wrists straight when you hit the ball."

Ladies, if a man says
he will fix it, he will.
There is no need to
remind him every 6
months about it.

I couldn't help but overhear two guys in their mid-twenties while sitting at the bar last night.



One of the guys says to his buddy: "Man you look tired." His buddy says, "Man I'm exhausted. My girlfriend and I have sex all the time. She's after me 3 and 4 times a day, I just don't know what to do."

A fellow about my age (70+), sitting a couple of stools down, also overheard the conversation.



He looked over at the two young men and with the wisdom of years says:

"Marry her. That'll put a stop to that sh!t."

