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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.**



A panoramic shot of the field looking south taken on Sunday 8th December.

Presidents Christmas Message 2019

Merry Christmas

Greetings for the Festive Season!

Hi all.

Tis that time of year again when the shopping centres are packed and the roads are choked and everyone is in such a hurry. But don't worry it will all be over soon for another year. I wish all of our members and their families the very best for Christmas and the New Year.

Good times and good health to you all.

Alan Crisp, 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.

6. Secretary's report

- a) Incoming correspondence:
 - Streatrader Class 3 fee renewal reminder.
 - AED replacement pads received and installed.
- b) Outgoing correspondence:
 - Email to VMAA Secretary seeking information on the progress of the BRMFC flying fields registration with CASA.
 - Report sent to the MAAA on the recent accident at the Trawalla field.
 - Letter and email sent regarding a member's complaint.
 - Email reminder of BRMFC Christmas dinner.

7. Reports

- a) Other: Hamilton Fun-Fly went well with around 10 BRMFC members taking the opportunity to have a fly.

8. General Business

- a) Trawalla Estate Update
- Max spoke with Jim Gaylard - Jim is happy with the new owners who are easy to work with.
- b) Strategic Plan - see below
- c) Field Maintenance
- Strip needs a cut and the grass under the electric fence is very high. Murri will get out to mow as soon as he is available.
 - More plough disks are still required. If anyone has a source please let Murri know.
- d) Burrumbeet Airstrip - Not worth mowing until after the New Year Day race event.

9. Other Business

- a) Strategic Plan progress
- Build another start-up table to bring the total to four. Alan C. to purchase materials and make the table.
 - Replacement Pits matting installation is now complete.
 - Kitchen pump has been installed.
 - Burrumbeet - possibly just mow a small strip to maintain a presence.
 - Ballarat Times newspaper has a weekly BRMFC listing.
 - Begonia Festival float is still an option (Alan C. to follow up) - truck/trailer may be available from Nick K.
 - Wings training is definitely worth promoting and needs to be a regular event.
 - Consider a model weight/power limit if flying unaccompanied before a member has gained their silver wings rating.
 - Fly-ins and indoor flying progressing well (2 Fun-Flys and 2 inter-club days with BAMI annually)
 - Social outings - any ideas? e.g. Point Cook museum, Avalon airshow (remember BAMI may also be interested)
 - Club records - Roger is working on this and will be available via the MAAA website.
 - Update the club's website - it is constantly being up dated. Any major update will require considerable time and effort on the part of the Webmaster.
 - There are BRMFC Facebook and YouTube sites, details to be made available.
- b) Confirmation of monthly meeting location for 2020. Book to June 2020.

- c) Streatrader renewal due 31st December (Class 3). Decision made it is worthwhile to maintain a Class 3 classification.

- d) One of the fixed deposit accounts matures this Christmas Eve.

10. Agenda items for the next meeting.

- a) Organise the March Fun Fly.
- b) February Float-Fly in (Saturday 1st February) Send out notices early.

11. Meeting Closed at 9.20pm – Next meeting date will be the 22nd January 2020.



Goin's on at the Field

Covering the Model Assembly Tables

The Model assembly tables were starting to look a bit sad and in need of some TLC. We've discussed covering them in the past and even canvassed the idea of using the ex-tennis court material the Bairnsdale club had on offer.

A couple of weeks back it was decided to use outdoor carpet like used in boats. Alan (Al supremo – that works well!!!) said it comes in 2m wide lengths so to do the three tables he ordered 7 metres.

Alan and I (Roger) arranged to go out on Saturday morning 7th December to do the work rather than tying up Sunday which was a good flying weather forecast. Peter Weston arrived shortly after us to mow the field if needed, but given that wasn't necessary lent a hand with the covering.

Alan being an upholsterer by trade was in his element so after doing a bit of patch work on the tables to fix a few broken and loose boards he was into wrapping the carpet over the tables and stapling underneath.



The first table went well but the second needed a bit of timber work done first to make sure all the boards were secure.



Getting old staples out and patching some broken/rotten boards.



The first table (which was in the compound) came up really well. We had to cut two flats on opposing sides of the round table so there was enough material to wrap underneath.



The middle table required screwing down to the stumps as well as patching some rotten boards.



Alan had his pneumatic staple gun to secure the carpet underneath then trimmed off the excess. The carpet will also help to hold them together.



It wasn't long before we had the three tables covered taking about 2½ hours all up.

They have come up really well and are a big improvement on what we had. You can now put small items such as screws on them without the risk of falling between the gaps in the boards. The carpet also works well with hook & loop tape such as Velcro to secure models from rolling off if a bit windy.

Just make sure models are defueled and not dripping oil to help keep them as clean as possible.

Electric Fence

On Sunday December 21st we took down the electric fence and stored it away in the old container. Several new and hopefully better insulator guides will be needed before it goes again, so that is a job we need to investigate sooner rather than later. Some sort of pulley arrangement is needed on the corners to prevent the wire cutting the plastic pin. If a metal pin is used it will simply fray the wire cable rendering it useless.

As the posts were removed the yellow plough discs were place over the holes to make sure they can be located next time it goes up.



The field is all clear now the fence has been packed away. The paddock is certainly drying out now even after all the rain we had over winter.



Alan mowing along the fence line to help mark the boundary in case contractors come in to crop the paddock. Maybe that is not happening this year given that it doesn't look a good yield with stock feeding off it all year. During previous years cropping had already been done by now.



Tips & Tricks

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

Watch "XXXL MB 339 CD AERMACCHI" on YouTube <https://youtu.be/hSEBdzu7QA>

Watch "50% SCALE RC De HAVILAND DH.88 COMET 'GROSVENOR HOUSE' TWIN ZENOAH 74cc PETROLS NATIONALS # 2 - 2019" on YouTube <https://youtu.be/EqL4MADy6w>

Watch "RC PILATUS PC-21 BY GERNOT BRUCKMANN" on YouTube <https://youtu.be/aUWQk9AiCTU>

Watch "TOMAHAWK RC PILATUS PC-21 - TURBO PROP (JETCAT SPORT 10) - STEVE AT BMFA NATIONALS # 2 - 2019" on YouTube <https://youtu.be/HmiqdrzsUwE>

Watch "Incredible 33 Foot Length RC Airplane 4x Turbine with total 1200 Newton Thrust" on YouTube <https://youtu.be/YncO48P6i4I>

Watch "Great Planes North American F86 Sabre" on YouTube <https://youtu.be/YGwvPxr4Srg> (Full size not model)

Watch "Hawker Hurricane & Supermarine Spitfire documentary" on YouTube <https://youtu.be/-WfZa646pig>



Events

Christmas Party – Friday 13th December

The club held this year's Christmas function at the Ballarat Yacht Club, in Wendouree Parade on Friday night 13th December.



The Ballarat Yacht Club on Wendouree Parade, Lake Wendouree.

I'm not sure what the final numbers were but there must have been about 15 present and going by what I saw everyone enjoyed themselves. The food and service was excellent although being a restaurant more expensive than a hotel. The venue was packed with other groups celebrating Christmas and had a great party atmosphere.

Unfortunately I forgot to take any happy snaps so as they say "What happens in Vegas stays in Vegas".

All in all everyone had a great time.



Coming Events

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.

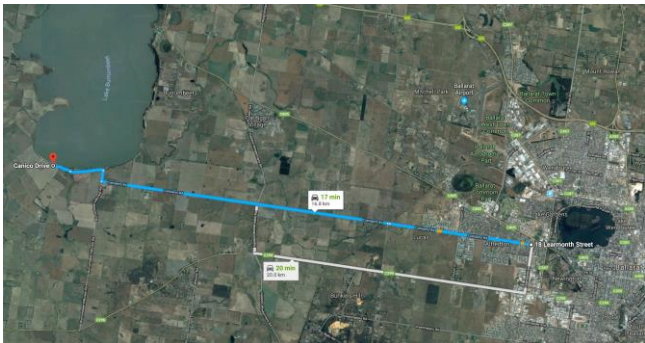
Last year we held it on January 5th and met at 9:30AM in Canico Drive near the boat club. The meeting point is roughly 17km from the corner of Cuthberts Road and Learmonth Street. So I guess we'll do the same again this year.

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.

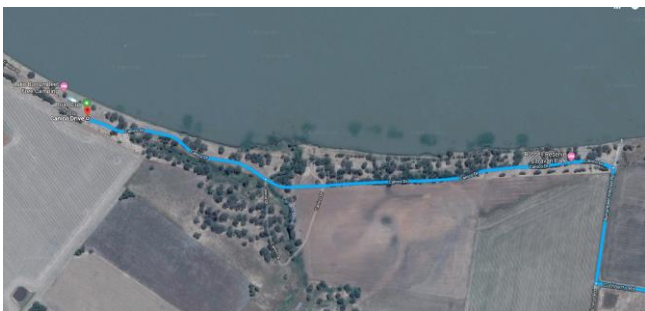
We had quite big turn out last year so hopefully the same or better this year. It was decided at the last meeting to make sure it wasn't during the holiday period when many might be away.

To top off the morning we'll most likely have a BBQ lunch like we did last time.

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 Sizzles Bunnings– Jan 18th & Feb 7th



We have two sausage sizzles coming up at

Bunnings Ballarat, one on a Saturday and the other a Friday. The first is **Saturday January 18th** and the second is **Friday February 7th** which is about 4 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 is the first Saturday event we have had for quite some time and hopefully will prove well worthwhile particularly as it is in the holiday season. That should open up the pool of members who can attend as Fridays are obviously for those who are retired. Maybe you could let me know if you can attend the Saturday event.

I'll put out the usual duty roster a week or so beforehand which gives time for comment and adjustments to suit individual needs. Going by the last event, three is probably enough on each shift, although four is the ideal number.

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 on either or both days. Regarding the Friday event, I realize this is only open to retired members so others may obviously disregard.

Recently we had to nominate which Bunnings store to work with and it was decided to stick with the original store rather than the new Delacombe outlet.



Event Calendar

December 13th BRMFC Xmas Function (Friday night). Yacht Club

Jan 18th 2020 (Sat) Sausage Sizzle – Bunnings Ballarat

February 1st (Sat) Float day – South bank of Lake Burrumbeet at the Ski Club, 9:30AM

February 7th (Fri) Sausage Sizzle – Bunnings Ballarat

Feb 22nd/23rd 2020 Leura Fun Fly – Camperdown

March 8th Fly-In – Trawalla, BRMFC ?????

March 21st/22nd Warrnambool Annual Fun Fly – WMAC
New Clubhouse opening Saturday 1PM.

March 22nd Monty Tyrell Scale Rally – P&DARCS

April 4th/5th Echuca Moama Annual Fun Fly - EMMAC

April 10th-13th Easter long weekend

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.