



NEWSLETTER – November, 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 November 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 Development and discussion
3. Field Maintenance
4. Burrumbeet Airstrip
5. Display Day 2018
6. VFSAA scale day

Sadly Graham Waterhouse passed away



Graham Waterhouse, a long time member of BRMFC sadly passed away on Tuesday morning October 31st after a brief battle with stomach cancer. He was aged just 74.

The last time I remember seeing Graham at the field was the Sunday before we held the sausage sizzle at Bunnings on Friday September 1st so it would have been August 27th.

In the lead up to that he had been complaining of tiredness, out of breath after short walk etc. and suspected he had heart problems. On the last Sunday at the field he said he had been to hospital and they gave him a blood transfusion and it made him feel much better. I remember he was so much perkier on that last Sunday at the field.

Late in the day of the sausage sizzle at Bunnings Graham's wife June called in and said she had something to tell us. That's when we got the news he had been diagnosed with stomach cancer. A treatment regime had been put in place and to that end he was receiving treatment at the cancer

centre at Ballarat Base Hospital. Unfortunately things didn't go to plan and he went downhill rapidly.

Graeme Allen, Glenn White and I (Roger Carrigg) went to see him in hospital around 5PM on Wednesday 25th October and he seemed quite chirpy. Sitting on the chair beside the bed we had him laughing, he was obviously enjoying our visit. Murri Anstis went in the next day late evening but the report card wasn't so good. He wasn't able to have much conversation. Fred Eggleston and Jeff Dowsley went in on the Friday and also found he wasn't too good.

Graham will be sadly missed by family, friends and all those who knew him in the modelling world. His usual greeting of "Giddy Maaaate" was a trademark of his. He had a reputation as an exceptionally good model aircraft builder and for being able to repair models damaged by those who didn't have the necessary skills to build or fix damaged aircraft.

Fly for Graham

June Waterhouse has asked the club to hold a "Fly for Graham" day in memory of her husband.

She has asked us to fly one of his models to celebrate his aeromodelling career and long-time membership of our club. We plan to do this on the first suitable Sunday in

December. To do this Glenn & I will go over to June's after Hamilton and collect a suitable model and get it ready.

I searched back through my photo library to find a few pics of Graham. Most seem to be down at Hamilton & Warrnambool, events that Graham & June nearly always attended.



11th July 2005 Richmond Nationals. Oh dear those eyeball glasses!!!



1st March 2009 Warrnambool. Graham readying his Kraft Super Fli with Rick Pimblott assisting – a model of the full size designed in 1972 by Phil Kraft, an early pioneer of proportional R/C radio equipment.



29th November 2009 Hamilton. Graham giving Murri a hand with the electric powered Antoinette.



25th November 2012 Hamilton. Graham had built and fitted a new wing panel for Glenn's Komet. Looks like some discussion taking place on wing washout.



1st March 2014 Warrnambool. Graham assembling his Kraft Super Fli.



29th November 2014 Hamilton. Graham & June relaxing in the shade with a drumstick.

See ya maaate!!! We'll be thinking of you.



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:

- The VFSAA request to reschedule their day was agreed to, and will be on November 19th 2017 at the Trawalla field.
- Bunnings Family Day went well. Held inside the store with various models displayed, trainer, slope soarer, speed thingy, mini scale biplane and a scale helicopter. A video of different model aircraft flying, which ran on a loop, was continuously shown using a laptop and large monitor (thanks to Nick). A reasonable level of interest was shown from the public with many questions asked, although no one asked "how high?" they did ask "how fast?" and "how much?" It was later indicated by Bunnings we might be able to have a table at another time, which may be particularly useful just prior to the Display Day.

8. General Business

a) Trawalla Estate Update – Nil

b) Strategic Plan Development – discussion included;

- An update to our website is overdue. Replace outdated information and put up more recent photographs for instance. It was appreciated this was a big task, Jeff and Graeme offered to assist Roger.
- Attend local schools to promote the hobby to the younger demographic was suggested. This would be a reasonably involved task liaising with the schools and may involve the appropriate checks and qualifications (working with children as an example). No definitive subjects/presentations were discussed.
- Our Facebook page is under-utilized.
- Link in with other groups (car clubs, sporting clubs etc.) via their Facebook pages.
- Convene a Committee meeting on Wednesday 1st November 2017 to develop the plan.

c) Field Maintenance

- Pavers in the alfresco area have now been completed and look great. Congratulations to Murri, Roger and all others involved.
- Mowing is required weekly at the moment.
- Marking, edge defining etc. is an ongoing task.

d) Burrumbeet Airstrip – Fred spoke to Paul Brumby, the grass, which was sown by a contractor, will be slashed in early November, after which the strip maintenance can be attended to.

e) Asset Register – completed.

f) Display Day 2018

- Graeme checked on the Display Day signs' refurbishment costs using patches. Signarama for updating 4 signs gave a quote of \$58.06 each for the address plus \$35.78 each for the date, a total of \$489. Alan Burns Signs quote was \$150 for vinyl overlays for 4 banners. We actually require a total of six for the existing banners.
- Display Director and Flight Line Director need to be appointed for the 2018 Display day – Display Director Graeme Allen; Flight Line Director Max Rowan. Thanks guys.....
- A flyer needs to be developed and distributed
- Meeting for those involved to be held at Fred's place on Wednesday 1st November at 7.30pm.

9. Other Business

- Ballarat Aero Modellers – suggestion to have an inter-club flying day to increase the fellowship between the two clubs. Currently the indoor flying evenings at the Haddon hall have proved a success. The BAM's normal flying day is Saturday, whereas ours is Sunday. An invitation will be sent to their members to join us at Trawalla for a day's flying with a BBQ provided by BRMFC.
- Ararat club has an upcoming 2-day 'Fly-In' event, 4th & 5th November. There is an open invitation to MAAA registered members. Should be a great day and all members are encouraged to go along if able.
- Christmas Dinner – Friday 15th December possibly, for example at the Robin Hood, Peel Street. This will be arranged and members informed once a booking has been made. *(A booking has since been made at the Queen's Head Hotel. See further on in newsletter.)*
- Purchasing policy – confirmed and removed from draft form. Carried unanimously.
- Marquee – researched by Fred, local stores and Melbourne investigated. Fred gave a number of options from local and Melbourne based companies. Discussion ensued on size, quality and uses. Moved by Jeff Dowsley, "The BRMFC purchase a 3x3m yellow marquee with metal hinges and club logo for \$899 from "Outdoor Instant Shelters". Motion carried unanimously.
- Following the meeting Nigel gave a brief overview of the club's new Automatic External Defibrillator (AED). A small instruction booklet detailing the AED's use is inside the case, which can be easily followed in an emergency. Please feel free to familiarise yourself with the AED but we ask you not to peel back the cover on the defibrillator pads (as this will expose them to the air and will cause them to dry out). If any member should wish to run through its use please feel free to contact Nigel.

10. Meeting Closed at 9.26pm – Next meeting date 22nd November 2017



New Models seen at field

Ray Turner joined the club a few months back to pursue his interest in aeromodelling. He brought this new electric powered trainer out to the field on Sunday 12th November for its maiden flight. Being mode 2 and Graeme the only mode 2 pilot at the field on the day got to do the test flight. Apparently all went well and Ray should be able to learn on this.



Ray Turner with his new electric powered model on Sunday 12th November.



Out on the strip and Graeme about to take over the transmitter and take-off.



And away she goes!!!

While it might be new to flying at Trawalla, Murri's 88" span Tiger Moth powered by an OS120 Surpass is far from new. As a rough estimate we originally reckoned it was built late 70's early 80's.



Sunday 12th November, all systems go – the old OS FS-120S II sounded like it was running well, Graham must have done a good job cleaning it out.

What we do know is it was built by Graham Waterhouse from a kit for Mike Faulkner. Sadly Graham passed away before seeing it fly again, if he was still with us he might have remembered the brand of kit.

Working backwards we know Paul Ruddle bought it from Brian Carson when he moved interstate at the time WIN TV took over BTV6, according to [Wikipedia](#) that was 1994. (Here's a bit of useless trivia: WIN is a reference to its original Wollongong station WIN-4, itself an acronym of **W**ollongong **I**llawarra **N**ew South **W**ales.) Murri recalls Brian flying the Tiger for quite some time before he left Ballarat. It is fitted with an OS120 Surpass and assuming that is the original engine, according to the [OS Engines Manufacturing Timeline](#) they were first produced in 1990, so that dates the model early 1990's. (To select other years of OS manufacture, click on any of the other year links in the web page.)



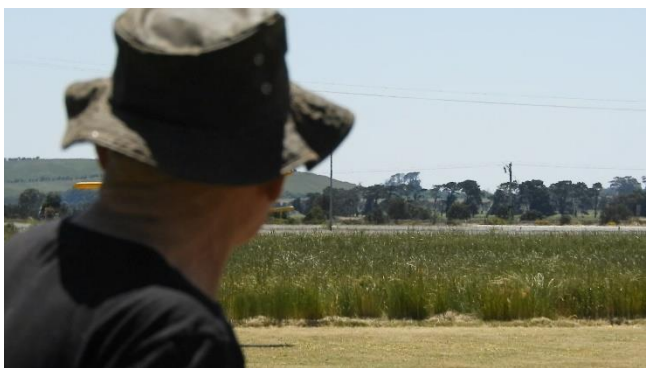
Lined up on the runway and about to take off for the first time in over 20 years.

Prior to Murri flying the Tiger, Graham Waterhouse cleaned and freed up the OS120 which was locked solid, with castor oil no doubt. One of the top wing panels had quite a twist in it from 20 years of storage and was deemed excessive to risk flying it. Murri stripped off the old covering and replaced it with Covertex to pull the twist out. Then had the paint

matched by JB Auto Paints which they put in a spray can. The result was quite effective, worth the effort and made the model safe to fly.



The climb out looked good however it needed a fair bit of aileron and rudder trim to counteract roll to the left.



This would have been a great shot of the landing approach but Murri's head got in the road while I was videoing it!!!



A few frames further on and moments from touch down. There was a crosswind component to contend with which accounts for the bank and sideslip.



And the Tiger Moth is back on terra firma having flown again for the first time in over 20 years.

PS. Murri has a joy flight coming up shortly down at Point Cook in a full size Tiger Moth.

Noel Findlay came out to the field on Sunday 19th November to test fly his new scratch built LA Special (a design by the late Len Astbury). The LA is covered with tissue & dope then painted – the way model aircraft used to be built. And Noel being one of the countries great builders it looks extremely good, a refreshing change from iron on covering and foam. It's powered by an old OS 40 four stroke. (For interest, according to the [OS Engines Manufacturing Timeline](#) they were first produced in 1981.)



Noel Findlay's new LA Special out at the field on Sunday 19th November for its maiden flight.



There was a northerly breeze blowing but pretty much straight down the strip. The LA handled it without difficulty.



Goin's on at the Field

The club took delivery last week of a 3mx3m heavy duty marquee with club logo printed on the front. It also includes 3 removable sides for comfort when a bit windy or to keep the sun out.

See item 9. *Other Business, Marquee* under *Points of interest from the last meeting* or the Minutes of the October 2017 meeting.

Fortunately it arrived just in time for the trip down to Hamilton this weekend. With our logo & name emblazoned on the front it is a way of promoting our club.



The new club marquee purchased a couple of weeks ago from [Outdoor Instant Shelters](#) located in Cheltenham.



Just as the last of us were packing up to leave around 3:15PM on Sunday 19th November a Trawalla Estate tractor towing a spray boom came in and started going around the crop from the outside working its way in. I guess an insecticide or herbicide before it is harvested.



According to my photo album the last crop was harvested between 15th & 29th January this year.

At the last committee meeting held on 1st November it was decided to place an ad in the Courier newspaper Community Diary page to promote the club. An ad was submitted on 14th November to start on Thursday 16th November and run for 5 weeks at a total cost of \$10. The ad submitted had the following wording:

Model Flying

The 'Ballarat Radio Model Flying Club' flies at Church Rd Trawalla beside the freeway. Visitors & new members welcome. Come out any Sunday for a look. For details: brmfc.org.au, editor@brmfc.org.au or Roger 0437 842 277

Last Sunday we had a visitor with his young child and I asked "how did you find us?" He said he saw it in the Courier so this kind of promotion might pay dividends over the long term.

In the lead up to our public display on 25th February, we can change the wording to focus on promoting the display.



Events

Mosskosh Annual Fun Fly Ararat – 4th/5th Nov.

The Ararat club held there annual fun fly over the weekend of 4th&5th November, an event we had been talking about in our club with the intention of fielding a few members to attend.

As it turned out Graeme & Dianne, Nick, Wayne, Fred & I (Roger) went up on the Sunday. We all had models and enjoyed several flights under the pleasant conditions. There was a light breeze coming from the south/east so although a bit cross wind nothing to be too concerned about.



Wayne is firing up the ASP120FS in his Great Planes Stearman assisted by Graeme.

Graeme had his low wing sports model; Nick his Edge, Boomerang & Rifle (Electric speed machine); Wayne (Stearman); Fred (Boomerang) and Roger (Shoestring & Super Stearman) so in all we had about eight models between us. We all had several uneventful flights each enjoying the trip to Ararat and conversing with the locals. It was also great to catch up with Rick & Pam Pimblott past members of BRMFC and have a natter.



Fred taking advantage of the starting stand to get the engine tuned in his tail dragger Boomerang assisted by Nick.

There were several other modellers there from around the state and two or three caravans on site, so some must have been camped there for the weekend.

Murray Ellis from Geelong put on a captivating flying exhibition with his turbine powered model and a young lad flew his FPV (First Person View) quad copter enlightening the crowd with this emerging technology.



Murray Ellis taxiing his turbine model out to the runway.



Young local member flying his FPV quad copter. It was quite small and extremely manoeuvrable, rather difficult to photograph. It is near ground level to the left.

The Ararat club were excellent hosts and had lunch on which was most enjoyable. Later in the day, I guess around 2:30PM, they made presentations to the pilots who registered. Names were pulled out of a hat and you went up to the table and had your pick of the modelling accessories that they were able to get hold of for the event.

It was sad to hear the club has been informed that the preferred option for the future Ararat bypass goes alongside the eastern edge of the field which would render it inoperable for model flying. From what I understand, they have been assured by VicRoads alternative Crown Land will be found to re-establish their flying field. However this is all some 5 years down the track and causes instability as we only know too well.

On a brighter note, no doubt BRMFC members will be back next year for the Mosskosh Annual Fun Fly.

A few more photos of the day with captions follow on to conclude this article.



The Ararat club has great facilities with a covered area to sit under and assemble models.



A line-up of some of the models at the event.



Ararat club house in the background with mostly BRMFC member models in the foreground of this shot.



An Ararat club member had these old timer models on display. From memory he said they are about 15 years old.



This one is powered by an Enya 60 four stroke.



It must have been a fairly active day at the Ararat airport with glider towing. Quite often you could see them to the south of the field towards the airport but this pair came overhead.



The Magpies are used to models coming in to land and don't take much notice. The wind towers weren't there two years ago when I was at the field last.

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VFSAA Scale Comp 19th November at Trawalla

The VFSAA once again cancelled the comp scheduled to be held at our field on Sunday 19th November due to lack of numbers.

Maybe the field is considered too far away by most members; the reality being it won't be any closer next year.

It was quite warm throughout the day with a moderate northerly breeze. Noel Findlay test flew his LA, I flew my Super Stearman without any problems.



Coming Events

Hamilton Fun Fly – 25th/26th November

Don't forget Hamilton is on this weekend. See October newsletter for more details.

Fly for Graham

June Waterhouse has asked the club to hold a fly for Graham day in memory of her husband who passed away on Tuesday October 31st.

She has asked us to fly one of his models to celebrate his aeromodelling career and long-time membership of our club. June is going to provide some cold beers for after the flying and his hat to hang in the club house.

As mentioned earlier on, this will be the first suitable Sunday in December.

BRMFC Xmas Party Friday 15th December



The Queens Head Hotel, corner of Humffray St North and Queens St North has been booked for 6:30PM Friday 15th December. It's still a little way off but handy to know in advance when it comes to organizing your busy Christmas schedule. It would be great to have as many there as possible. Numbers 'maketh' the night!!!



The Queens Head Hotel, corner of Humffray St North and Queens St North.

If going and please do, can you let the secretary know and how many, that way the booking can be confirmed with numbers a week or so beforehand.

Promo Day Bunnings Ballarat – February 10th

We have a promotional day booked at Bunnings Ballarat for Saturday 10th February as a way of advertising our **public display** day to be held on Sunday 25th February. This is along the lines of the community event they held back on October 21st except we may be the only group there which may allow more room for models.

We used to do similar promos at Wendouree Village shopping Centre but the target audience at Bunnings by and large is likely to be more aligned with what we do.

Sausage Sizzle Bunnings Ballarat – February 16th



We have our next sausage sizzle at Bunnings Ballarat on **Friday February 16th** which is just under 3 months 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 1st September 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.

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 and given the maximum we have ever charged prior to the last event is \$2.00 it is more profitable, so don’t need to sell as many for the same return.

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!!!)

MAAA 70th Nationals



For interest I had a look on Google Maps, West Wyalong is about 300km due west of Sydney and 630km from Ballarat.

WHERE AND WHEN

The Nationals are an **8-day event** that takes place across five conveniently close sites all within 15 minutes of **West Wyalong** during the week of **23 to 30 April 2018**.

As the event takes place during the school holidays, modellers are encouraged to come along with their families to enjoy one or perhaps several spectacular days out.

VIEW THE PROGRAM

You can browse through the entire 8-day program [here](#)

WAYS YOU CAN REGISTER

1. Complete the online registration form [here](#)
2. Download and complete a printed copy of the **PDF version** of the registration document [here](#) and either email the completed version to registrar70thnats@hotmail.com or post to: 70th Nats Registrar, c/- 5 Williams Road, North Rocks NSW 2151.



Event Calendar

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 19th (Sun.)	VFSAA Scale Comp – Trawalla, BRMFC
Nov 25 th /26 th	Hamilton Fun Fly & Swap Meet – Hamilton
Nov 26 th	1/2A Texaco, Burford, Duration SAM600 Climb & Glide – Ballarat BAMI
December 15th	BRMFC Xmas Function (Friday night)
Feb 10 th 2018	Promo Day at Bunnings 10AM – 2PM
Feb 11 th 2018	Bipe & Bush Plane Fly In – Seymour
Feb 16th (Fri.)	Sausage Sizzle – Bunnings Ballarat
Feb 17 th /18 th	Grampians Aerotow Event Ararat Airport
Feb 25th 2018	Display Day – BRMFC Trawalla
Feb 25 th	Leura Fun Fly 2018 – CMAC
Mar 17 th /18 th	Warrnambool Annual Fun Fly – WMAC
Apr 8 th 2018	Monty Tyrell Scale Rally – P&DARCS
Apr 21 st /22 nd	2018 VMAA Trophy Weekend
Apr 22 nd	Annual Display Day Keilor – K&DMAS
Apr 23 rd – 30 th	70 th National Model Aircraft Championships West Wyalong NSW.
May 4 th /5 th	Autumn Scale Rally Albury – TCMCA

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

Note: If easily offended please skip this item. It contains adult themes, but no crude language or nudity.

Paddy & the Florist

Paddy goes into a Dublin Florist shop and says,

"I would like to buy a bunch of flowers for my girlfriend".

The florist looked at him and said, "Certainly Sir, what is it you're after?"

"A shag", says Paddy.

The Undertaker

Roy, an undertaker, recently came home with a black eye.

"What happened to you?" asked his wife.

"I had a terrible day." replied Roy. "I had to go to a hotel and pick up a man who had died in his sleep.

When I got there, the manager said they couldn't get him into a body bag because he had this huge erection.

Anyway, I went up and, sure enough, there was this big naked guy lying on the bed with this huge erection.

So I grabbed it with both hands and tried to snap it in half."

"I see" said his wife, "that must have been awful, but how did you get the black eye?"

Roy replied: "Wrong room."

The Irish Bic Lighter

Mick and Paddy were fishing on the Irish shoreline when Mick pulled out a cigar. Finding he had No matches, he asked Paddy for a light.

'Ya, sure, I tink I haff a lighter,' Paddy replied and then reaching into his tackle box, he pulled out a Bic lighter 10 inches long.



'My God, man!' exclaimed Mick, taking the huge Bic lighter in his hands. 'Where'd yew git dat monster?'

'Well,' replied Paddy, 'I got it from my Genie.'

'You haff a fecking Genie?' Mick asked.

'Ya, sure. It's right here in my tackle box,' says Paddy.

'Could I see him?'

Paddy opens his tackle box and sure enough, out pops the Genie.



Addressing the Genie, Mick says, 'Hey dere! I'm a good pal of your master.

Will you grant me one wish?'

'Yes, I will,' says the Genie.

So Mick asks the Genie for a million bucks. The Genie disappears back into the tackle box leaving Mick sitting there waiting for his million bucks.

Shortly, the Irish sky darkens and is filled with the sound of a million ducks flying directly overhead.



Over the roar of the one million ducks Mick yells at Paddy, 'What the hell? I asked for a million bucks, not a million ducks!'

Paddy answers, 'Ya, I forgot to tell yew dat da Genie is hard of hearing. Do yew really tink I asked for a 10 inch Bic?'

Knee replacement went well



Had to crop the top to fit it in.

Wife gets naked and asks hubby, 'What turns you on more, my pretty face or my sexy body?'

Hubby looks her up and down and replies, 'Your sense of humour!'

An elderly couple are attending Mass. About halfway through, the wife leans over and says to her husband, 'I just let out a silent fart; what do you think I should do?'

He replies, 'Put a new battery in your hearing aid.'

A woman standing nude in front of a mirror says to her husband: 'I look horrible, I feel fat and ugly, pay me a compliment.'

He replies, 'Your eyesight is perfect'

