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VMAA Website is at www.vmaa.com.au

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General Flying at Lake Narracan on Thursday, Saturday & Sunday mornings when the weather allows.



Mick Dye has flown his **Nieuport 28** which was a French biplane fighter aircraft flown during WW I

Please make sure that before flying, the Main Container is open for access to the Fire Extinguishers, Defibrillator and First aid Kit.

SUNDAY	JUNE 28	General flying at all sites – Combat Classic at Midday
WEDNESDAY	JULY 1	Monthly Meeting at the Moe RSL meeting room – 7.30pm start
SUNDAY	JULY 5	Club Flyday at LAKE NARRACAN
SUNDAY	JULY 12	General flying at all sites & Combat Classic Event backup day
SUNDAY	JULY 19	General flying at all sites.
SUNDAY	JULY 26	General flying at all sites
SUNDAY	AUGUST 2	General flying at all sites
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 5	Monthly Meeting & Annual General Meeting at the Moe RSL meeting room – 7.30pm start
SUNDAY	AUGUST 9	Club Flyday at LAKE NARRACAN
SUNDAY	AUGUST 16	General flying at all sites & Combat Classic Event backup day
SUNDAY	AUGUST 23	General flying at all sites
SUNDAY	AUGUST 30	General flying at all sites

Presidents Report



Hello all, nothing to report that I am aware of this month other than it's been cold and wet, but you already knew that! I did manage to get to the field this month and had a fly between showers, was good to see the field looking so good and although it's been cold it's not as cold as it normally is which has been a welcome change.

June is almost done and Julys just around the corner, hopefully winter goes quickly and we can get back to enjoying the warmer months of the year.

Anyway, that's all from me, hope to see you next time I'm at the field.

Regards, Jamie McLaughlin

Minutes for June 2026 Special General Meeting held at the MOE RSL at 7:30pm Wednesday 3rd June 2026

1 Meeting opened at: 1929

2 Present: *Craig McMahon, Sam Flack, Dave Lewis, Stephen Loft, Ivan Walker, Bill Reid, Ian Partleton, James Morfitt, Brian Adams, Ian Heafield, Godwin Bugeja, Jamie McLaughlin, Wayne Lewis, Ollie Wilson, Dirk Kurpershoek, Paul Mitchell, Graham McMahon, Fred Barabasz, Mick Dye.*

3 Apologies: *Roy White, Greg Mullins, Chris Eels, Rex Mitchell.*

4 Visitors: *Anthony Wilson.*

5 New member applications: None

6 Confirm the minutes of the previous meeting held on 6th May 2026.

Moved: Secretary

Seconded: James Morfitt

7 Business arising from the previous minutes:

- 7.1 Club fees for 2026-2027
- 7.2 The VMAA has accepted the Club's application for a Sports Grant for \$250.
- 7.3 New sign at the front gate. **ACTION:** Wayne (COMPLETED)
- 7.4 The new camera system has been taken offline after the letter from Everyday Mobile regarding "excessive interference on the Telstra Wholesale network". **ACTION:** Craig is still sourcing an alternative.
- 7.5 LaTrobe City council quick response grant application was completed 11MAY26. **UPDATE:** As of 18JUN26, the grant submission has been approved. More news to come at July meeting.
- 7.6 Clothing order update

8 Correspondence In & Out and Business arising from Correspondence:

- 8.1 Volunteers are required for the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle on 13th June.
 8.2 Everyday Mobile sent another email on 29MAY, even though the camera has been taken down. As a result, the Secretary terminated the SIM card.

Moved: Secretary

Seconded: Brian Adams

9 Treasurer's report

Starting balance (30APR26)	\$
Income	\$
Expenses	\$
Closing balance (as of 24MAY26)	\$
Comm Bank TD (this investment was renewed 10JUL25 for 1 year @ 3.5%)	\$
Bendigo Bank TD (this investment was renewed 26APR26 for 1 year @ 4.8%)	\$
Investment total	\$
GRAND TOTAL	\$

Moved: Treasurer

Seconded: Brian Adams

10 Current Membership: Current financial Membership is 30 Seniors, 10 Pensioners, 2 Life & 3 Junior. Total members currently sit at 45.

11 Lake Narracan Advisory Committee: No update

12 Relocation update & Sub-committee report:

- 12.1 Members wishing to present information, proposals, or considerations regarding a potential relocation of the Club to Narracan North will now have the opportunity to do so. Presentations should outline relevant benefits, challenges, and implications for the Club's future operations and development.
- 12.2 All members present will be reminded to cast their yes/no vote for the potential relocation to Narracan North.
UPDATE: The vote was cast at 8pm, with **10 Yes** and **11 No** votes recorded; the motion for potential relocation was not carried, noting the close result, the matter could be reconsidered at a later stage if deemed necessary. Please see attached Ballot count & declaration sheet for further evidence.

13 Flight proficiency: None

14 Safety: none

15 GENERAL BUSINESS

- 15.1 2026/2027 fees were discussed and all agreed they will be left the same as the 2025/2026 year.

16 Bent wheel award nominations

1. Godwin Bugeja – Albatross: broke up after hitting the lake and possible CG issue.
2. Ian Partleton – Big Stik: receiver failure.
3. Ivan Walker – Surfer: disorientated.
4. Eric Spratt – Combat model x2.

WINNER: Godwin for the Albatross. Congratulations and commiserations Godwin!

17 Bomb award nominations: No bomb awards were received for the month of May.

18 Show & tell:

- 18.1 Jamie received a new pilot for his Edge 540 from Dave Lewis.
 18.2 It was noted that our longest serving Member, Bill Burrows turned 90 years old during June and a 90th birthday card was passed around for members to sign and it was posted to him. Bill has been a Club member for 50 years and only fly's at Warragul these days.

19 Events

Upcoming program for LVMAC: **June 2026**

Sunday	7 th	Club Fly Day at LAKE Narracan
Sunday	14 th	General flying at all sites
Sunday	21 st	General flying at all sites & Combat Classic at 11.00am
Sunday	28 th	General flying at all sites

Upcoming local program for VMAA - **None**

12 Next meeting: General Meeting on Wednesday 1st July 2026 at 7.30pm at the Moe RSL meeting room.

13 Meeting Closed at: 2100

Fees for the 2026-2027 year are now due and payable before 30th June 2026

2026/2027 YEARLY SUBSCRIPTION (1/7/26 to 30/06/27)

	MAAA	VMAA	Club Fee	=	Total
JOINING FEE for NEW SENIOR MEMBER (once only fee)					\$25.00
JOINING FEE for NEW PENSIONER & JUNIOR MEMBERS (once only)					\$25.00
NOTE : A Printed Newsletter fee applies to those on Posted newsletters					\$12.00
Add \$20.00 if you want a Key to the Lake Narracan Gate Box					\$20.00
SENIOR MEMBER	\$80.00 +	\$54.00 +	\$86.00 =		\$220.00
JUNIOR MEMBER (under 18yrs 1/07/26)	\$15.00 +	\$15.00 +	\$2.00 =		\$32.00
PENSIONER MEMBER (Centrelink Pension)	\$80.00 +	\$54.00 +	\$50.00 =		\$184.00
LIFE MEMBER or member over 90 years old	\$80.00 +	\$54.00 +	\$0.00 =		\$134.00
ASSOCIATE MEMBER FEES (see note below)	Appropriate Club Fee as above =				??????
SOCIAL MEMBER (no flying rights-no insurance- basically a newsletter member)			\$20.00=		\$20.00
Note: A Club Family membership is available on application for families with more than 1 Adult member & 1 Junior member					

BSB 063530 Acc No 10068336 Acc Name: Latrobe Valley Model Aero Club

Combat Classic Event - The Combat Part of the Combat Cup was Round 2 of the Combat Classic Event. Due to the weather and other extenuating factors, Event 1 of the Combat Classic has not yet been run but Event 2 results are:

	Event 1	Event 2	Event 3	Event 4	Total to date
Stephen Loft		900			900
Ian Partleton		800			800
Wayne Lewis		750			750
Brian Adams		710			710
Dave Lewis		700			700
Godwin Bugeja		680			680
Craig McMahon		550			550

Round 1 & 3 of the Combat Classic have both been postponed due to the weather. We will try for round 1 this coming Sunday at Midday if the weather permits.

Note -The **Club Drone** is kept in the Mower Container in the "White Box". It has one fully charged battery with it and I will change the battery weekly. Also in the box is a drone mat, shade screen and some instructions. If you have to use the Drone, please let me know.

Several members have now had some instruction on how to fly the Drone.

Club Flyday at Lake Narracan (Sunday 7th June 2026)

It was the Kings Birthday Weekend, and the Club Monthly flyday and it was a reasonable morning, being fine and sunny, with a light Westerly 10kmh wind gusting to 25kmh by midday. Not a bad day with 12 members and 4 visitors arriving at the Lake.

Wayne Lewis flew the Boomerang V3, the Teksumo, the Twin SPAD and also flew his 6s powered YAK 11 which had 2 issues. The prop was out of balance and cause found to be a spacer was missing and the Canopy came off on the first flight but landed on the strip and was retrieved. Wayne also had some prospective members on the Simulator and assisted Jaidev on some trainers that unfortunately crashed.

Godwin Bugeja flew his Wayfarer Biplane and his Stik which unfortunately crashed and broke the nose off the foam fuselage He also had his Giles 202 but it didn't get to fly on this day.

Fred Barabasz had his large Peregrine Biplane with a 70cc petrol engine and couldn't get it started whilst I was there. He also had his 3D Extra but I didn't see that fly either.

Graham McMahon flew his Fredo stik 100, a 15yo CAP 232 and his Harmon Rocket III. He has a couple of engine failures in the wrong place and managed to land on the mowed roadway on the other side of the drain.

Jaidev Muppavarapu, our latest Junior member had Buddy Box a flight on the Club Bixler 3 and all was going well until it went off the air and crashed on the roadway. He then had a flight on the Club Apprentice and the same thing happened so I need to get the TX Checked. Neither crash was Jaidev or the Instructors fault !

Stephen Loft flew his Wot's Wot biplane and his Sweet Stik .

Roy White flew his Corvus with a 40cc twin DLE petrol engine. The Combat Model was in his car but wasn't flown.

Jamie Sjamsudin flew his RaRa and the Spectra 3 channel Glider and had no problems on this day.

Ian Partleton flew his 17cc petrol Big Stik and a smaller electric powered Stik.

Ian Heafield flew an OS55AX powered Sportster type model and his .46 powered Sweet Stik

Mick Dye flew a Sportster Biplane. He had the Nieuport 28 Biplane in the car and I am not sure if he flew that on this occasion.

Ivan Walker had his Ultra Stik and the Surfer and all went well on this day



Above – Wayne's flyday models - Boomerang v3, Yal 11, Teksumo & Twin SPAD

<http://www.maaa.asn.au/images/pdfs/forms/Form-016-POWER-BRONZE-SILVER-WINGS.pdf>

<http://www.maaa.asn.au/images/pdfs/forms/Form-017-POWER-GOLD-WINGS.pdf>

[http://u.b5z.net/i/u/10194601/f/Flight Intruc/Part 5 5 -Description of Gold Wings Manoeuvres.pdf](http://u.b5z.net/i/u/10194601/f/Flight+Intruc/Part+5+5+-Description+of+Gold+Wings+Manoeuvres.pdf)

(read in conjunction with the MAAA Bronze, Silver & gold Wings Sheet as there are maneuvers that we do not do, included in this pdf)

COME & TRY Days : It was suggested at the last meeting that we should have 2 Come & Try days each year and that they should be in May/June and November/December so that anyone wishing to Join up can take advantage of the full year or half year fees. Therefore, our next Come & Try Day is programmed for Sunday 15th November 2026 !



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CURRENT FUEL SITUATION – 1-12-25

Roy and Goddy are still supplying fuel in Bulk at a discount and leaving a small quantity in the flying field container.

Current prices are:

2 Stroke \$48 / 4 litres (via Roy)

4 Stroke \$42 / 4 litres (via Godwin)

For 2 Stroke Fuel club members please ensure that they immediately advise Roy (at field or text 0417 562014) when taking any fuel and pay prior too, or shortly after.

If you want to transfer the money here are Roy's Bank details:

BSB 063530

Account No 10029601

Account Name: Roy White.

ALTERNATIVELY:

Pay ID 0417562014 (ie Roy's Mobile No.)

Locking the Caravan Park Gate key box– please make sure that when you lock the box you have to push the lock down from the top and up from the bottom to lock it successfully. Then pull it down to make sure it is locked.

Just pushing up from the bottom will not lock the lock successfully.

Have you paid your fees yet ?

No flying at Club Sites after 30th June if you haven't.

Please remember that id the HEMS Helicopter comes over the Lake to do the winching, there is no flying whilst they are in the area !



Dave Lewis had an incident at Bairnsdale with his 120cc powered Extra NG. The wing separated from the wing tube in flight. Ouch !



Above -Bill Burrows and his wife June at his 90th Birthday celebration. Bill asked me to pass on his thanks to the Club members for the Card and wishes that we sent to him.

**The 2026 AGM will be held on Wednesday 5th August at the Moe RSL.
Please make an effort to attend.**

NOMINATION FORM FOR LVMAC COMMITTEE 2026-2027

The committee consists of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and 6 Ordinary Members

The election of LVMAC. Inc. Executive positions will be conducted as part of the LVMAC Inc. Annual General Meeting which will be held on

Wednesday 5th August 26 at MOE RSL meeting room, starting at 7.30pm.

I,being a financial Member of Latrobe Valley Model Aero Club (incorporated), hereby wish to lodge a nomination for for the following position on the LVMAC 2025-2026Committee.

President	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tick appropriate Box One nomination per sheet
Vice president	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ordinary Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	

I have spoken to the person that I am nominating and he has agreed to me nominating him for the position indicated above.

Signed Date.....
(Nominator Signature)

Please fill out and returned to the Secretary Craig McMahon, by Email (secretary@lvmac.org.au), Mail to 39 Kurt St, Morwell. 3840 or hand deliver to the Secretary by 6.00pm on Wednesday 24th July 2026.

Once nominations are received, if necessary, a List of Nominees and the Proxy Forms will be sent out for those who cannot attend the meeting.

Agenda for July 2026 General Meeting to be held at the MOE RSL at 7:30pm Wednesday 1st July 2026

1 Meeting opened at:

2 Present: *As per the attendance book.*

3 Apologies: *As per the attendance book.*

4 Visitors: *As per the attendance book.*

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Seconded:

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11 Lake Narracan Advisory Committee: No update

12 Relocation update & Sub-committee report: None

13 Flight proficiency: None

14 Safety:

14.1 Starting engines in the pit area.

15 GENERAL BUSINESS

- 15.1 Annual General Meeting will be held 5th August 2026
- 15.2 Proper use of the Club trainer aircraft.
- 15.3 Other

16 Bent wheel award nominations

- 1. Dave Lewis – Extra NG at Bairnsdale
- 2. Ivan Walker – Ultra Stik
- 3. Jamie Sjamsudin – Spectra Glider
- 4. Graham McMahon – Yak 54
- 5. Others

17 Bomb award nominations:

18 Show & tell:

19 Events

20 Next meeting: Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 5th August 2026 at 7.30pm at the Moe RSL meeting room.

21 Meeting Closed at:

Many thanks to those who have contributed to the newsletter with Articles, Pictures and information this month. It would be good to get some new contributors. Thanks also to our regular contributors in particular for their monthly contributions.

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