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## June 2026

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MAAA website is at [www.maaa.asn.au](http://www.maaa.asn.au)

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



Above – Fred’s large Sukhoi – Electric powered running on 2 x 6s & 1 x 2s = 14S battery power

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

SUNDAY	MAY 31	Combat Classic Round 1 at 11.00am if the weather is suitable
WEDNESDAY	JUNE 3	Monthly Meeting at the Moe RSL meeting room – 7.30pm start
<b>SAT/MON</b>	<b>JUN 6/7/8</b>	<b>KING S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND....</b> Various Events see VMAA calendar
SUNDAY	JUNE 7	Club Flyday at LAKE NARRACAN.
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 13</b>	<b>Bunnings Sausage Sizzle at Morwell Bunnings (volunteers needed)</b>
SUNDAY	JUNE 14	General flying at all sites
SUNDAY	JUNE 21	General flying at all sites & <b>Combat Classic Event 3 at 11.00am</b>
SUNDAY	JUNE 28	General flying at all sites
WEDNESDAY	JULY 1	Monthly Meeting at the Moe RSL meeting room – 7.30pm start
SUNDAY	JULY 5	Club Flyday at LAKE NARRACAN
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>JULY 12</b>	General flying at all sites & <b>Combat Classic Event 3 backup day</b>
SUNDAY	JULY 19	General flying at all sites.
SUNDAY	JULY 26	General flying at all sites

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## Presidents Report



Hello all. A little bit happening this month so haven't been able to get to the field as much as I would have liked, I was able to get out and have a fly at our field a few weeks back and was really pleased to see the field looking so good, amazing in fact and even that's an understatement! It really shows allot of pride in the area we fly in and in our club so well done to those who take the time out of their own days to keep it looking so good. Not having the camera up and running makes you realise just how valuable it really is, it's a handy tool for checking the conditions at the field so hopefully we can come up with a solution soon as I know a lot of us were really getting used to having it.

Craig McMahon, James Morfitt, Dave Lewis, Sam Flack and I spent last weekend the 23-24<sup>th</sup> of May at the Bairnsdale And District Model Aero Club Mid-May Muster. It was a very well attended event with most pilots arriving on the Friday before lunch and leaving Sunday afternoon, It was a weekend filled with flying, admiring, and speaking with other clubs about all thing aero modelling. I did post some pictures on the club facebook page for you all to see but if you haven't been to one of these events I strongly urge you to take the time and go check it out, you won't be disappointed!

Anyway that's all from me, don't forget we need as much attendance at the next club special general meeting as possible which is on the 03<sup>rd</sup> of June as we have some very important decisions to make. I hope to see you all there.

Anyways that's all from me, see you at the field!

Regards, Jamie McLaughlin

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## Minutes for May 2026 General Meeting held at the MOE RSL at 7:30pm Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2026

1 Meeting opened at: 1930

2 Present: *Ian Partleton, Craig McMahon, Jamie McLaughlin, Steven Loft, Wayne Lewis, William Reid, Godwin Bugeja, Fred Barabasz, Michael Dye*

3 Apologies: *Brian Adams, Ivan Walker, Ian Heafield*

4 Visitors: *None*

5 New member applications: *None*

6 Confirm the minutes of the previous meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026.

**Moved:** Secretary

**Seconded:** Jamie McLaughlin

7 Business arising from the previous minutes:

7.1 Clothing order. Still trying to find a supplier.

**ACTION:** Jamie

7.2 Please ensure that the lock is fully engaged on the front gate when locking up, as there have been several instances where the gate was not locked fully over the last couple of months.

7.3 There were discussions about changing the sign on the gate to make it more inviting.

#### 8 Correspondence In & Out and Business arising from Correspondence:

8.1 The VMAA Apprentice invoice was received 24APR and has now been paid.

8.2 Bunnings Morwell has requested a Public Liability insurance certificate before the fundraising BBQ on the 13<sup>th</sup> June.  
**ACTION:** Craig

**Moved:** Secretary

**Seconded:** Godwin Bugeja

#### 9 Treasurer's report

Starting balance (31MAR26)	\$
Income	\$
Expenses	\$
Closing balance (as of 27APR26)	\$
Comm Bank TD (this investment was renewed 10JUL25 for 1 year @ 3.5%)	\$
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<b>Investment total</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>

**Moved:** Treasurer

**Seconded:** Michael Dye

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: None

12 Relocation update & Sub-committee report:

12.1 Toners Lane is no longer an option for relocation.

12.2 Narracan North is now the Clubs' only viable and available relocation option.

12.3 Council has confirmed that the Clubs' present site may only be available for the next 2-3 years.

12.4 All members present agreed that next months General Meeting will be a Special General Meeting to hold a ballot to decide, as a Club, if we wish to proceed with Narracan North or not (refer to email sent 09MAY26).

13 Flight proficiency: None

14 Safety: None

#### 15 GENERAL BUSINESS

15.1 Club fees for 2026-2027

All members present agreed to keep the Club fees for 2026-2027 the same unless the VMAA/MAAA increase their fees. Then the Club may have to increase a little as well. We will know more once the VMAA & MAAA decide on their fees. It was also agreed upon that any member 90 years of age will no longer have to pay the Club fees. Relevant VMAA & MAAA fees will still apply.

15.2 The VMAA has accepted the Club's application for a Sports Grant, however will only pay the value of \$250. What can the Club do to assist in receiving the grant?

**ACTION:** Wayne has receipts for parts and batteries for the new Apprentice club trainer that will equal the amount the VMAA require.

15.3 New sign at the front gate - Wayne has created a new temporary sign for the front gate. The Club are looking into a more permanent sign. **ACTION:** Michael

15.4 Letter from Everyday Mobile regarding "excessive interference on the Telstra Wholesale network" (01MAY26).  
Email has been attached to these minutes. All members present agreed to remove the new camera before the 01JUN26. This unfortunately means that only a select few will have access to the older camera.  
**ACTION:** Craig will contact some local telecommunication companies to get some quotes for a proper camera system that will allow access for all, as well as website integration.

15.5 LaTrobe City council quick response grant is open until the 17th May. Now we have an ABN, should we apply for a battery system for the solar system?

**ACTION:** Craig will complete grant application for a new battery for the solar system.

15.6 Clothing order update Still trying to find a supplier. **ACTION:** Jamie

#### 16 Bent wheel award nominations

- 1 Michael Dye – Wot 4
- 2 Graham McMahon – Strega P-51 Mustang
- 3 Ian Partleton – Big Stik & SBach
- 4 Craig McMahon – Rare Bear
- 5 Fred Barabasz – Focke-wulf

**WINNER:** Ian Partleton for both the Big Stik and SBach. Congratulations and commiserations Ian!

#### 17 Bomb award nominations:

- 1 Ian Partleton – forgetting his transmitter.
- 2 Michael Dye – fuel tubes were installed backwards
- 3 Dave Lewis – flying too low with the Extra 540.

**WINNER:** Michael Dye for installing fuel tubes backwards causing the aircraft to continue to surge during the flight. Congratulations Mick!

#### 18 Show & tell:

18.1 Wayne brought along the switch wiring harness from Michael's Wot 4 to show where it is believed a screw had cause a short during flight, which ultimately caused the aircraft to have an uncommanded landing.

18.2 Fred brought in his scratch built GeeBee R4 for an update on its progress.

#### 19 Events : \_\_\_ Upcoming program for LVMAC:

##### **May 2026**

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>

**Mother's Day & Club Fly Day at Lake Narracan**  
General flying at all sites & [Combat Classic Event 1](#)

##### **June 2026**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>

Monthly Meeting at the Moe RSL meeting room – 7.30pm start  
Club Fly Day at LAKE Narracan

Upcoming local program for VMAA

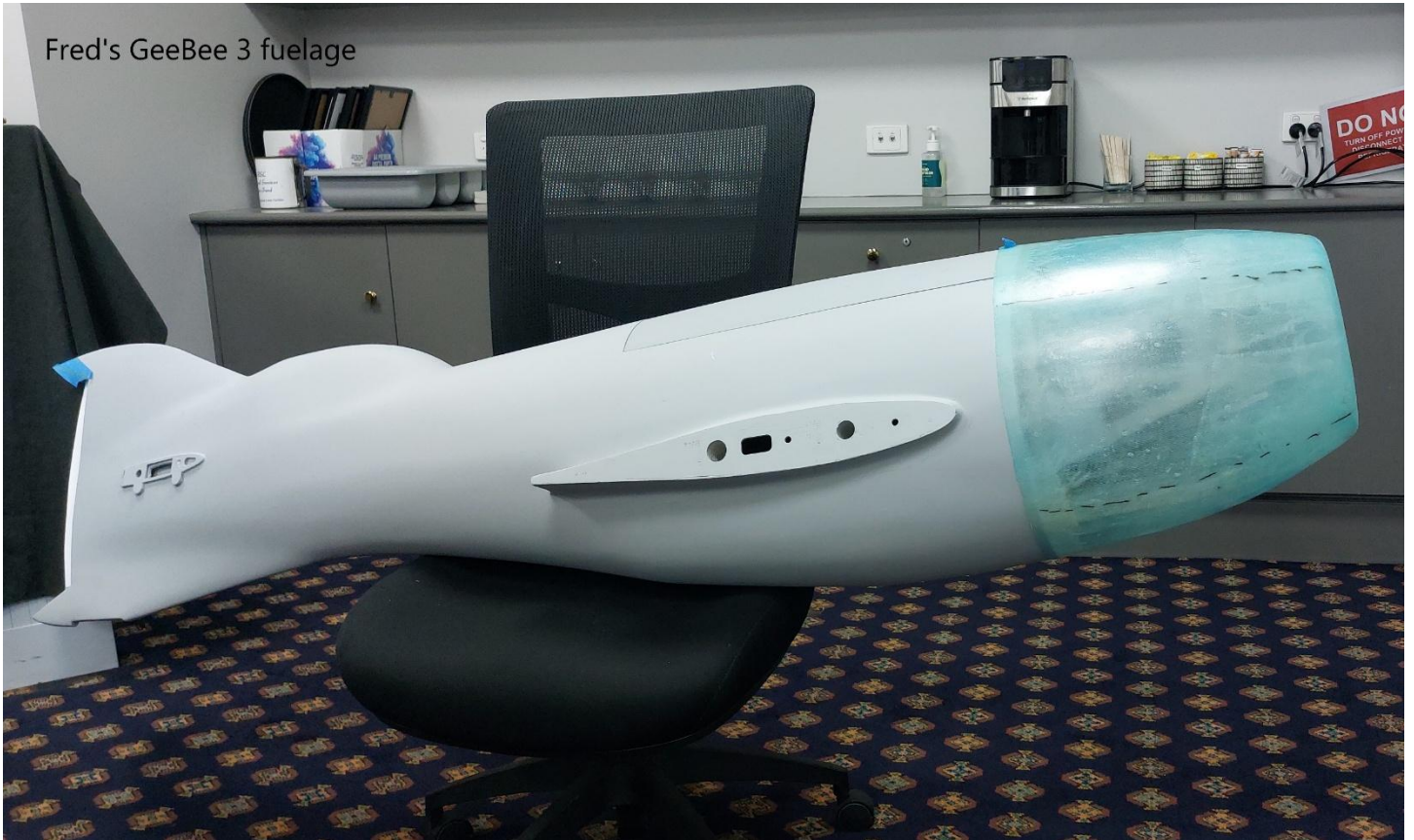
##### **May 2026**

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>

Bairnsdale Mid-May Muster at BADMAC

12 Next meeting: General Meeting on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2026 at 7.30pm at the Moe RSL meeting room.

13 Meeting Closed at: 2107.



From: Sent: To: Subject: Dear Craig, sanderson3@woolworths.com.au on behalf of Everyday Mobile From Woolworths <mobilecare@everyday.com.au> Friday, 1 May 2026 5:32 PM [secretary@lvmac.org.au](mailto:secretary@lvmac.org.au)

Action required to keep your Everyday Mobile service active We are writing to you today about the device you are currently using with the Mobile Service Number ending in 1405. Our mobile network provider has detected that your China Info Safe Co Ltd device. This device (often used in security cameras or modems) is generating excessive interference on the Telstra Wholesale network. This can impact the service quality for other users.

What you need to do to keep your service active, please complete the following steps:

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2. Contact your supplier: Ask them if a firmware update is available to fix the network interference issue.
3. Replace hardware if necessary: If a fix is not available, you must replace the hardware with a device that complies with Australian standards.

You can find our Device Guidelines here:

<https://mobile.everyday.com.au/content/dam/Woolworths/Mobile/Legals/DeviceGuidelines/Device%20Guidelines.pdf>

Important dates to note:

- ☐ 1 June 2026: If no action is taken by this date, your current non-compliant device will be blocked from accessing the Telstra Wholesale network. If this happens, please move your SIM card to a compliant device and then contact us to have the block removed.
- ☐ 1 July 2026: If no action is taken by this date, we'll be required to terminate your Everyday Mobile service. This action is consistent with our terms of service (see section 10.3 of our General Terms and section 4.1 of our Pre-Paid Terms), which mandate the use of compliant devices on our network. We're here to help We understand this may be an inconvenience, and our goal is to help you resolve it quickly. Our Customer Care team will attempt to call you next week to follow up. In the meantime, if you have any questions or need assistance, you can reach us by phone on 1300 101 234 (option 4) or chat with us online at <https://mobile.everyday.com.au/support/chat>. Kind regards, Everyday Mobile from Woolworths mobile.everyday.com.au

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**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.**

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# Don't forget the Special General Meeting on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 7.30pm at the Moe RSL

## Club Flyday at Lake Narracan (Sunday 10th May 2026)

It was Mothers Day, and the Club Monthly flyday and it was a reasonable morning, being fine and overcast with some occasional sunshine but there was more wind than forecast with the Westerly wind gusting 15kmh to 25kmh throughout the morning. Not a bad day with 11 members arriving at the Lake.

**Craig McMahon** flew his PC9, his little Rare Bear racer and the EFextra racer and had no issues to speak of.

**Wayne Lewis** flew the Boomerang V3, the Teksumo and also flew his 1.20 size Spacewalker, now converted to 6S electric.

**Godwin Bugeja** flew his Tundra on floats off the Lake. Godwin also flew his Giles 202 with no issues and had the Cherokee in the car but didn't fly it on this day.

**Fred Barabasz** flew his large 2.3m span Sukhoi with a 100cc electric equivalent motor and 14S battery setup and all went well for Fred on this day.

**Graham McMahon** flew his Fredo stik 100, his 1.4m Cessna and his 1.5m DHC Beaver

**Jaidev Muppavarapu**, our latest Junior member had 5 flights on the Club Apprentice. Jaidev is coming along well and is off safety and throwing the odd loop and roll as well as taking off and landing. The wind did create some minor issues with taking off and taxiing back.

**Stephen Loft** flew his Wot's Wot biplane, his Sweet Stik and his SPAD on wheels and his Seagull Delta

**Roy White** flew his Corvus with a 40cc twin DLE petrol engine.

**Eric Spratt** flew his Stik 100, his Boomerang v3 and his SPAD on wheels

**Ian Partleton** I don't recall seeing Ian fly his Big Stik but he did start it up at one stage.

**Ian Heafield** came out with Roy and was just socializing as he is still recovering from Knee Replacement surgery.

**Mick Dye** flew a Biplane.

A few of the members left early to go to Mothers Day Lunches and there were also a few visitors showing some interest in the proceedings of the day.



Above – Lofty's collection for the flyday



Above – Graham’s collection for the flyday



Above - Ivan’s Surfer bit the dust- It had a small motor in the front and the bigger one pushing from the back

**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 of the Combat Classic will be on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026 at 11.00am if the weather permits.** (or 12 Midday if the grass is too wet at 11am)

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<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)

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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 could 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.

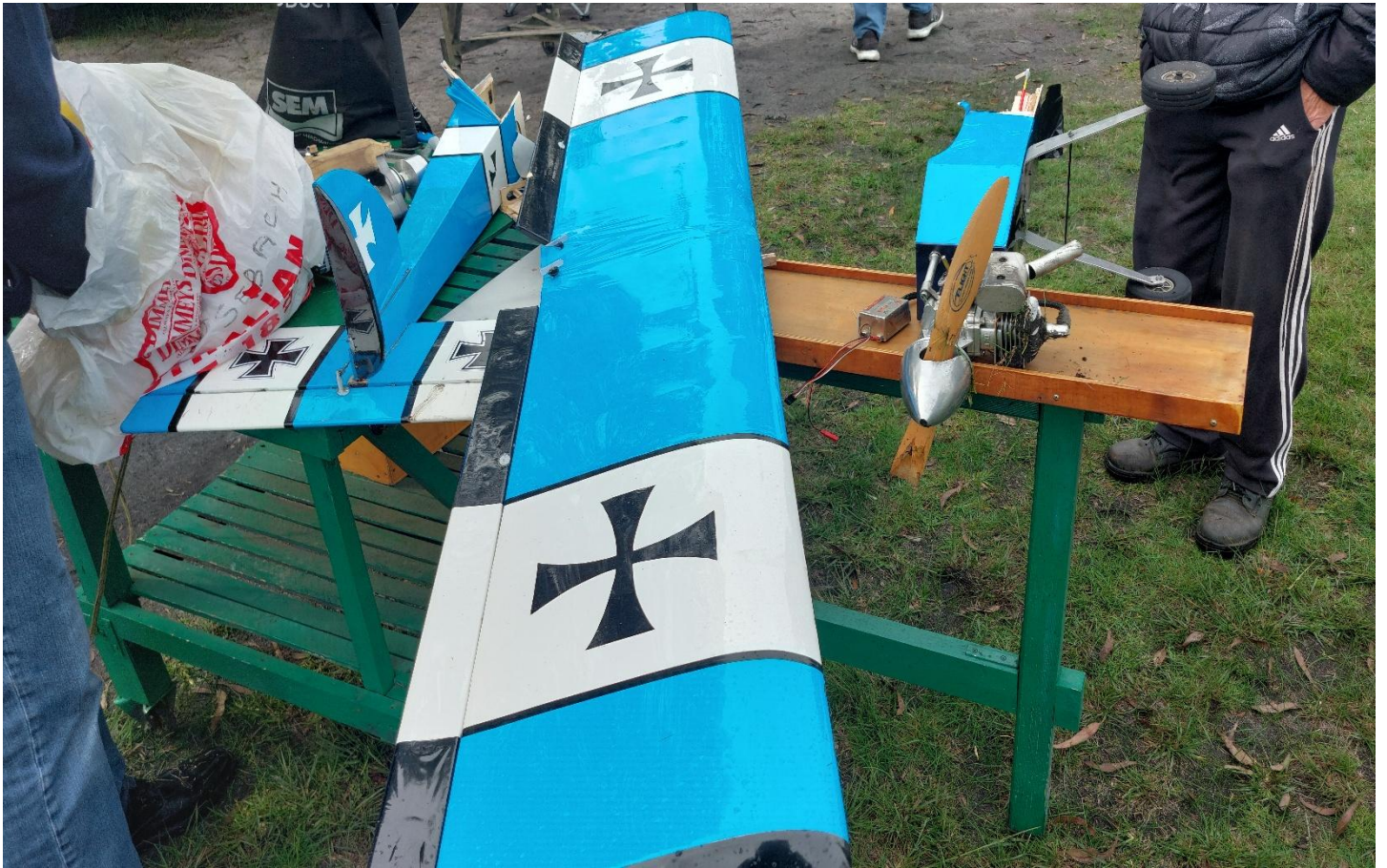
ALTERNATIVELY:

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

**Barb from Bunnings Morwell has booked the Club in to do a BBQ on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2026.**

**Volunteers will need to be locked in closer to the date.**

**( If you haven't already done a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle, please put your hand up )**



Above – Ian’s Stik had an engine failure out in the paddock and didn’t make it back to the strip



Above – Godwin’s Albatross crashed in the Lake – he thinks the battery moved back and the model became tail heavy

**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.**

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**The BADMAC Mid-May Muster**, which is an event that LVMAC members have been attending for many years, was held over the weekend of May 23–24, and was another successful event with 48 pilots registering. Pilots, including LVMAC’s Jamie McLaughlin, Craig McMahon, James Morfitt, Dave Lewis and Sam Flack and many visitors enjoyed two or more great days of flying, socialising, and catching up with fellow aeromodellers.

Excellent weather conditions all weekend allowed a wide variety of aircraft - including warbirds, sport aircraft, aerobatic models, and EDF jets - to take to the skies. The event attracted flyers from several neighbouring and Melbourne Clubs, creating a fantastic atmosphere around both the flightline and Clubhouse.

The canteen and Clubhouse remained busy throughout the weekend, with plenty of laughs and conversations shared between flights. Events like these continue to showcase the strong community spirit and welcoming environment that make our hobby so enjoyable.

A big thank you goes to all the volunteers, organisers, cooks, and pilots who helped make the weekend run smoothly and ensured everyone had an enjoyable and safe event.

See a 14min video here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AafxoxIxZlY>

Thanks for the report Craig





Above & below pics from the Bairnsdale MMM, taken from the LVMAC facebook Page



## Agenda for June 2026 Special General Meeting to be held at the MOE RSL at 7:30pm Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 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.*

5 New member applications:

6 Confirm the minutes of the previous meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

**Moved:** Secretary

**Seconded:**

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 - Complete

7.4 New camera system has been taken offline after the letter from Everyday Mobile regarding "excessive interference on the Telstra Wholesale network". **ACTION:** Craig still sourcing an alternative.

7.5 LaTrobe City council quick response grant application was completed 11MAY26.

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 13<sup>th</sup> June.

**Moved:** Secretary

**Seconded:**

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**Moved:** Treasurer

**Seconded:**

10 Current Membership:

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11 Lake Narracan Advisory Committee:

11.1 No update

12 Relocation update & Sub-committee report:

12.1 Ian Heafield would like to make a presentation to the Club on a potential relocation to Narracan North.

12.2 All members present will be reminded to cast their yes/no vote for the potential relocation to Narracan North.

13 Flight proficiency: None

15 GENERAL BUSINESS

- 15.1 Ballot to be conducted for Narracan North relocation.
- 15.2 Other

16 Bent wheel award nominations

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

17 Bomb award nominations:

18 Show & tell:

19 Events

Upcoming program for LVMAC:

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Sunday	28 <sup>th</sup>	General flying at all sites

Upcoming local program for VMAA - **None**

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

13 Meeting Closed at:

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Left – the new gate signage

**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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