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



Dave Lewis has repaired his 2.1m wingspan Viper Jet and given it a new paint job. The real Viper Jet is basically a home Built Jet and is not actually used by the military although there is a version of the F16 that is known as the Viper. It has been flown and re certified after the crash and all went well.

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

SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 2	General flying at all sites
SUN to TUE	NOVEMBER 1 to 2	Warbirds over Bairnsdale (Melbourne Cup weekend) see the attached flyer
WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER 5	Monthly Meeting at the Moe RSL meeting room – 7.30pm start
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 9	Club Flyday at LAKE NARRACAN
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 16	General Flying at all sites – Doug Jowett remembrance day
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 23	General flying at all sites - Club Floatplane day
SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 29	CHRISTMAS LUNCH ??? (awaiting the results of the survey)
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 30	General flying at all sites -
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 3	Monthly Meeting at the Moe RSL meeting room – 7.00pm start. A Club Auction is to follow the meeting.
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 7	Club Flyday at LAKE NARRACAN.
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 14	General flying at all sites.
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 21	General flying at all sites.
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 25	Christmas Day
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 26	Boxing Day
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 28	General flying at all sites.

President's Report



Hi all, not much to report on this month, that fact that I've been away a bit lately, the poor weather for flying when I have been around and the couple of times. I've headed to Bairnsdale to fly jets with both Dave Lewis and Craig McMahon over the past month I haven't been around as much as I would have liked, the few times I have been out to the field there seems even though the wind is still cold. It's great to still see a good turn out at the field with members taking advantage of the good conditions when they can, I have to also extend my thanks again to Fred for keeping the grass mowed and the field looking so good, I feel we can all agree we are so lucky to have such a good field to fly at for the amount of years we have had access to it! Hope the next one is just as good

or better!

We have had some updates from hazelwood power (Engie) on a possible new relocation site not far from the pondage but we also have 3 other possible sites to consider so will be asking members to make themselves available soon, if possible, to attend these site visits to allow us to make a decision that best suits the club, we will be advising more on this as details become more clear.

Watch this space

Regards, Jamie McLaughlin

Minutes of the October 2025 General Meeting held at the MOE RSL at 7.30pm Wednesday 1st October 2025

1 Meeting opened at: 1930

2 Present: Fred Barabasz, Ivan Walker, Mick Dye, Stephen Loft, Brian Adams, Craig McMahon, Ian Heafield, Ian Partleton, Rex Mitchell, Jamie McLaughlin, Wayne Lewis.

3 Apologies: Chris Davenport, Bill Reid, Paul Mitchell

4 Visitors: Neil Wilson

5 New member applications: None

6 Confirm the minutes of the previous meeting held on 3rd September 2025.

Moved: Secretary

Seconded: Brian Adams

7 Business arising from the previous minutes:

- 7.1 There was an issue raised with the election of the Vice President at the AGM in August. All members present acknowledged that the election could have been smoother, however all members in attendance decided to keep things as they are.
- 7.2 Club email address change proposal. All good for now, albeit with teething issues.
- 7.3 Remembrance Day for Doug.
- 7.4 Donated models from Tanjil South. Wayne has picked up and it was proposed that an auction for the club be carried out.
- 7.5 Website renewal has been completed.
- 7.6 The draft Club brochure has been designed by the VMAA.
- 7.7 'Come Try Day' was proposed.

8 Correspondence In & Out and Business arising from Correspondence:

- 8.1 In: \$50 Bunnings voucher received from Father's Day event.
- 8.2 In: New Club brochure design
- 8.3 Out: Craig's Flying Instructor nomination email
- 8.4 Out: October agenda contribution email

Moved: Secretary

Seconded: Ivan Walker

9 Treasurer's report

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Moved: Treasurer

Seconded: Ian Partleton

10 Current Membership:

As of 26 September 2025, the Financial Membership was 26 Seniors, 12 Pensioners, 3 Life & 2 Junior. Total currently sits at 43.

11 Lake Narracan Advisory Committee: Nothing to report.

12 Relocation update & Sub-committee report:

- 12.1 Jamie has been in communications with a representative from Hazelwood Mine. There may be some land available on Nadenbouschs Rd, just east of the cooling pond. A viewing of the potential site is still yet to be completed before moving forward.
- 12.2 Rex briefly mentioned that he may have contacts with some land out near Tyers. Rex should be able to report back at the next meeting with further information.

13 Flight proficiency:

- 13.1 Craig has expressed interest in becoming an instructor, as per email sent 17SEP25. All those in attendance at the General Meeting were in favour of Craig becoming an instructor. Various reply emails were also received during the month, also in favour.

14.1 No incidents reported for the month of September.

14.2 Brian reminded all in attendance that as we come into the warmer months all members need to be aware of the potential increase of snakes around the field.

15 GENERAL BUSINESS

15.1 Club brochure needs to be decided upon. It has been suggested that 500 be initially ordered as the club location could change before we require more. Can we also get new Club promotional items? For example, an A-frame (with a brochure holder) and new Club banner? Can the proceeds from the recent Bunnings sausage sizzle be allocated to help fund this?

The Club brochure was agreed to be produced with an initial run of 1000. VMAA will support up to \$200 for these brochures and 1000 printed from VistaPrint will not be much more than that. This will be organised when a new Club email address has been organised (see 15.2).

Mick has sourced a large A-frame that the Club can use to create a portable sign. He stated that he will chat to Youngs Signs of Morwell to see what we can do with a design.

15.2 Club email address. The current address has served the Club well. To build on this, the Secretary would like to explore alternatives that provide a more professional image for Club communications and support succession planning by making future role handovers smoother.

All members present at the General meeting agreed to explore an alternative email address for a more professional image for the Club. Craig will organise this. There will be a small monthly fee for whatever option is found, however.

15.3 Club auction and 'Come Try Day'. Can these be integrated into the one day sometime in November?

These were agreed upon to be separate events.

The 'Come and Try Day' will most likely be sometime in March 2026. Craig and Wayne will finalise the date soon.

A Club Auction will be held at the General Meeting on 3rd December 2025. This meeting will commence a little earlier at 7pm.

15.4 Bunnings Father's Day event was held at Bunnings Morwell 4th September. All went well. Reports indicate that people came out to the field the following Saturday after seeing the Club's presence at the event.

15.5 Members have proposed a float day to be conducted at the Hover Craft Club. All members present at the General meeting agreed to a Club float day conducted at the Hover Craft Club. Mick has said that he will converse with the Hovercraft Club to decide on some potential dates. This will be **float plane only** as their area is not suitable for anything with wheels. It was also suggested that perhaps the Club could invite other local clubs (BRAG, SADAC, BADMAC) to participate?

15.6 Club displays at Bunnings events. If the Club is going to do these regularly, can we alternate between Traralgon and Morwell? All members present at the General meeting agreed to try and have a display at the Traralgon Bunnings. Craig will pursue options for Christmas.

15.7 Club Christmas lunch

Attendance numbers have been declining over the years for the Christmas lunches. Members suggested that the Secretary compose an email to send out a "Are you interested?" type of email to all members. Currently the Christmas lunch function is scheduled for 29th November at the Moe RSL Club.

15.8 Others

It was suggested that there be a "Remembrance Day" for members that have passed away over the years. This will not have any competition attached to it, more along the lines of something that will make the day feel different from other regular fly days. There are no plans to implement this in 2025, however we encourage all members to come up with some interesting ideas that could be implemented in 2026. There is a programmed Remembrance Day for Doug Jowett on 16th November 2025.

16 Bent wheel award nominations

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1. Ivan Walker for his Jackaroo
2. Rex Mitchell for his Corby
3. Craig McMahon for his Dauntless (again!)

WINNER: Ivan for his Jackaroo. Congratulations and commiserations Ivan!

17 Bomb award nominations: None for September.

18 Show & tell:

- 18.1 Rex showed his new VQ Warhawk. As of the General Meeting it had yet to have its maiden flight.
- 18.2 Mick showed some model plans.
- 18.3 Neil (visitor) showed some model equipment that he has for sale.

19 Confirm upcoming program:

SUNDAY 12th October General flying at all sites.

SUNDAY 19th October General flying at all sites – **Combat Classic Event 4 at 11.00am**

SUNDAY 26th October General flying at all sites – Combat Classic Event 4 backup day

20 Next meeting: General Meeting on Wednesday 05 November 2025 at 7.30pm at the Moe RSL meeting room.

21 Meeting Closed at: 2046



Above - Rex Mitchell showing his VQ models, P40 Warhawk – finished and ready to be test flown.

AUCTION – It has been decided to have an auction at the RSL after the December meeting. The December meeting will start at **7.00pm**. If you have something to bring to the Auction please put a starting price on it before the meeting. If you let Wayne know before the next newsletter I will put in a list in the newsletter.

Doug Jowett remembrance day - Sunday 16th November

Many of us have one of Doug's old models so bring them along to fly on this day. If you have a Bixler bring it along also as we all know he loved Bixler's.

Club Flyday at Lake Narracan (Sunday 5th October 2025)

The Willy Weather forecast was spot on this day with a light Easterly to start the first day of daylight saving and around 10.00am the wind turned to a Westerly and gradually strengthened and by 11.30 am the wind was gusting to 25Kmh. The grass has been mowed by Fred and the strip was in excellent condition.

Wayne Lewis had a the usual collection for the day and flew the Boomerang V3, Teksumo Wing and the SPAD 40. Wayne also had a newly built Twin SPAD to test fly but that didn't happen. The Teksumo did manage to spin into the drain but no damage and was flown again shortly after.

Stephen Loft flew his SPAD on wheels, the Canard and the Arrow Viper EDF and had no problems.

Jamie Sjamsidin flew his RA RA and on his 3rd flight had a heavy landing with the only damage being a broken undercarriage mount. Jamie also had his SZD-54 Glider but he didn't get to fly it.

Eric Spratt flew his Boomerang V3 and a Crusader size stick his Fred Stik 100 and his SPAD Canard which had problems taking off from the ground.

Rex Mitchell flew his Funfly Model and the VQ P40 Warhawk with an OS65AX engine .

Paul Mitchell flew his FunCub and his Fokker D7 and also test flew Dads VQ P40 Warhawk. Paul also pulled out his Sbach with an OS55AX engine and had some issues with the motor on the ground. He eventually got to have 1 short flight on which the engine overheated and Paul did a successful deadstick landing.

Ian Partleton flew his a large Petrol powered Stik made from bits of deceased models. He also had his 35cc powered Extra 300 but left it in the car on this day.

Mick Dye flew his 2 Nitro powered Sputnicks and Pattern Ship and had a P47 in the car and all went well on this day.

Fred Barabasz flew a 35cc size Petrol powered Slick and unfortunately it went off the air and crashed and destroyed the model and the Lipo servo control battery also burnt. Looks like the battery may have been the cause. Fred also had a Yak54 in his Van but it didn't fly

Roy White flew is Ultimate Biplane.

Ivan Walker flew his rebuilt Jackaroo, a Combat type model and had a Cub Cadet that didn't get to fly on this day because of the wind.

We also had a new prospective member "Ash" who came out to have a look on this day. Ash has been a member of the Sale Club in the past.



Above – Fred's 35cc size "Slick" went off the air and crashed

Combat Classic Event 4 of 4

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Sunday 19th October saw 6 starters in the last Combat Classic event for 2025. The day started out with purrrfect conditions with no wind and no rain and there was plenty of General Flying until 11.00am when the Combat started. Of course the wind started to come up and was a little gusty for round 2 but it wasn't really a problem for most pilots. All 6 entrants were flying electric models for this event in which the 4 rounds were over and done with in 35 minutes.

Round 1 saw Wayne & Dave get 1 streamer cut each and Brian got 2 streamer cuts which is 50 points per cut and Brian, Lofty, Dave & Craig all lost their streamers which is 50 points off each.

In **round 2** Brian was the only one to get a streamer cut, not sure who lost their streamer. Unfortunately, Ian got caught by the wind crashed on the roadway. No real damage but it did put Ian out of the comp. Brian had a midair crash with Craig and Brian required a replacement model for the next round. Craig's SPAD was ok.

Round 3 saw Brian, Lofty & Dave get streamer cuts and Dave's streamer cut tangled around his electric motor and forced him out of the sky. The landing out in the paddock broke the motor out and Dave repaired that for the next round but either the ESC or motor wasn't working so Wayne gave Dave a backup Model for round 4.

In **round 4** Wayne cut Craig's streamer & Lofty cut Brian's streamer. Other than that, it was a pretty boring round.

The final results for the day

Brian –	880 - 4 streamer cuts
Wayne -	850 - 2 streamer cuts
Dave -	780 – 1 streamer cut
Lofty -	700 – 1 streamer cut
Craig-	700
Ian -	480

Thanks to those who participated in the event and to Bill and Eric for doing the Scoring & Timekeeping. Thanks also to Fred for cooking the Sausage Sizzle lunch. It went down well.

Combat Classic Event results after the 4 events.

Remember, only the best scores of 3 events are counted, so here are the final results.

	Event 1	Event 2	Event 3	Event 4	Total best 3scores
Wayne	850	900	750	850	2600
Brian	800	—0	880	880	2560
Craig	800	700	850	700	2350
Godwin	850	730	750	—0	2330
Lofty	700	750	780	700	2230
Dave	550	0	700	780	2030
Ian P	800	750	—0	480	2030
Jamie Mc	800	800	—0	0	1600
James	800	—0	700	0	1500

Thanks to everyone that took part in the Competition and I hope everyone is looking forward to more Combat action next year.

Club Fees 2025-2026

	MAAA fee	VMAA fee	Club fee	
SENIOR MEMBER	\$80.00 +	\$54.00 +	\$86.00 =	\$220.00
JUNIOR MEMBER (under 18yrs 1/07/25)	\$15.00 +	\$15.00 +	\$2.00 =	\$32.00
PENSIONER MEMBER (Full Government Pension or HCC)	\$80.00 +	\$54.00 +	\$50.00 =	\$184.00
LIFE MEMBER	\$80.00 +	\$54.00 +	\$0.00 =	\$134.00
ASSOCIATE MEMBER FEES (see note below)	Appropriate Club Fee as above =			Club fee
NEW JUNIOR MEMBER for first year	Club fee only =			2.00

<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

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

Current prices for 2 stroke is -

2 Stroke \$40 / 4 litres

4 Stroke \$42 / 4 litres

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 the details:

BSB 063530 Account 10029601

Account Name: Roy White.

Godwin is looking after the 4 stroke fuel so see him if you need some.



Above -Craig has done a great job in repairing this Sabre and giving it a repaint in the RAAF 75sqn scheme. The Americans called them the F86 Sabre but the RAAF called them the Avon Sabre because they were built by the Commonwealth Aircraft Corporation in Melbourne and they modified them with an English Avon Jet engine which gave a better performance than the General Electric J47-GE-13 Canadian/American engine.(the F86 was manufactured in Canada by Canadair)
 James originally owned this model and had a midair and sold he it to Craig who repaired it and repainted it and sold it back to James.
 The foamy model Fly's well on an 80mm Ducted Fan motor !

Remember to always keep an eye on your Charging Lipo's
And dispose of those damaged ones appropriately



Above – Mick had a “dumb thumbs” moment with his Fred Ultra Stik



Rex Mitchell finally got to fly this new VQ P40 Warhawk and all went well

Agenda for November 2025 General Meeting to be held at the MOE RSL at 7.30pm Wednesday 5th November 2025

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:

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Seconded:

7 Business arising from the previous minutes:

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Craig – 1000 Club brochures have been ordered and delivered. Craig will bring samples to the meeting.

Mick – A-frame update?

Craig & Wayne – ‘Come & try’ day has been decided upon for the 1st March 2026, with the backup as 23rd March 2026. This has been added to the Club annual program.

- 7.2 Club email address. The current address has served the Club well. To build on this, the Secretary would like to explore alternatives that provide a more professional image for Club communications and support succession planning by making future role handovers smoother.

Craig – New Club email address was open for discussion with Club Committee members, and no objection was given. Cost to club is \$118.80 per user per year.

- 7.3 Club auction and ‘Come Try Day’. Can these be integrated into the one day sometime in November?

Club auction will be held **after December’s General Meeting**. Communications will go out closer to the date.

- 7.4 Members have proposed a float day to be conducted at the Hover Craft Club.

Mick – Update?

- 7.5 Club displays at Bunnings events. If the Club is going to do these regularly, can we alternate between Traralgon and Morell?

Craig – Bunnings Traralgon is happy for us to attend their events as well. Next event (Christmas) is 4th December. Due to Bunnings rules, sausage sizzles will continue at **Morwell ONLY**.

- 7.6 Club Christmas lunch.

Craig – An email was sent out to all members and suggestions were as follows:

- BBQ at the field.
- Personalised invitations to try and boost the incentive to come along.
- Catering and Hall hire like what has been done in the past. Extend the invites to family members as well?

8 Correspondence In & Out and Business arising from Correspondence:

- 8.1 In: VMAA Executive Meeting minutes. It was forwarded to members on 9th October.

- 8.2 In: Quick response Grants from LaTrobe City Council.

- 8.3 Out: November agenda contribution email.

Moved: Secretary

Seconded:

9 Treasurer's report

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Seconded:

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11 Lake Narracan Advisory Committee:

12 Relocation update & Sub-committee report:

13 Flight proficiency:

14 Safety: No incidents reported

15 GENERAL BUSINESS

- 15.1 Jamie has proposed a bacon and egg breakfast at our next Club Flyday, which is on the 9th November. Some volunteers (and an early start) may be required.

- 15.2 Other

16 Bent wheel award nominations

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17 Bomb award nominations:

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18 Show & tell:

19 Confirm upcoming program:

20 Next meeting: General Meeting on Wednesday 3rd December 2025 at 6.30pm at the Moe RSL meeting room. This will also include the Club Auction

21 Meeting Closed at:

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Always make sure you have a phone with you so that you can make or receive a call if you need to go into the paddocks and wear appropriate footwear

Remember it the time of year when those wriggly things may be hiding in the grass. A Tiger Snake has recently been seen in the area of the toilets so be careful.



Above -Eric found the fence when trying to take off the Canard



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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