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## April 2025

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



Above – This Joker is a very fast Turbine Jet at the Bairnsdale Scale weekend



SUNDAY	MARCH 30	General flying at all sites (Combat Cup backup day)
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 2	Monthly Meeting at the Moe RSL meeting room – 7.30pm start
SUNDAY	APRIL 6	Club Flyday at LAKE NARRACAN ( <b>Daylight Savings Ends- clocks back 1hr</b> )
SUNDAY	APRIL 13	General flying at all sites -
FRI-MON	APRIL 18 - 21 APR	<b>EASTER....Various Events see your VMAA calendar</b>
SUNDAY	APRIL 20	General flying at all sites
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 25</b>	<b>ANZAC Day</b>
SUNDAY	APRIL 27	WarBirds & Military Day at Lake Narracan & General flying
SATURDAY	MAY 3	“ELECTION DAY”
SUNDAY	MAY 4	General flying at all sites
WEDNESDAY	MAY 7	Monthly Meeting at the Moe RSL meeting room – 7.30pm start
SUNDAY	MAY 11	<b>Mothers Day &amp; Club Flyday at Lake Narracan</b>
SUNDAY	MAY 18	<b>Bairnsdale Club Mid May Muster</b>
SUNDAY	MAY 25	General flying at all sites

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## From the President...

Hi all  
I have very little for my report this month although generally conditions are always better in Autumn with cooler nights and warm days. Our field is in good order as we have some welcome rain recently. I did notice this week while flying, that the housing development closest to the field was very busy with earthworks involving many items of heavy plant. My estimate would be about 700-800 meters from our area. So the development is getting closer ! Recent rumours that the Yallourn Power Station may be open for longer than 2028 is not good news for the Toners Lane site.

see you at the field.  
Bill Reid

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Above – a very nice large RV8 at the Bairnsdale Fly-in weekend

## Minutes of the March 2025 General Meeting held at the MOE RSL at 7.30pm on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025

1 Meeting Opened at : 7.30pm

2 Present – 12 members – Bill Reid, Godwin Bugeja, Wayne Lewis, Ian Partleton, Michael Dye, Rex Mitchell, Brian Adams, Stephen Loft, Paul Mitchell, Fred Barabasz Chris Davenport & James Morfitt.

3 Apologies – Ash Bence, Ivan Walker & Ian Heafield

4 New Members applications – None

5 Visitors – None

6 Confirm the minutes of the previous Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025 – As per the March 2025 Newsletter

Moved : Secretary

Seconded: Brian Carried:

7 Business arising from the previous minutes –

7.1 Bunnings Sausage Sizzle. It was agreed to have another Bunning Sausage Sizzle. Godwin will communicate with Bunnings to organize a date. Hopefully members that have not has a go will put their hands up.

8 Correspondence In & Out and Business arising from Correspondence

8.1 Out - Newsletter to members, VMAA & various others

8.2 In - VMAA Minutes

8.3 In – VMAA Club Assistance grants are open

8.4 Email in & our about the Blackberries in the Hovercraft area

8.5 Email In – VMAA re Club Assistance Grants

Moved : Secretary

Seconded: Brian Carried:

9 Treasurer – As supplied

1-01-2025 Starting Balance \$ 6807.14

Income \$ 81.50

Expenses \$ 586.26

28-02-2024 Balance \$ 6302.38

Comm Bank TD \$ 53,819.68 (this investment was renewed on 10-7-24 for 1 year @ 4.60% )

Bendigo Bank TD \$ 5,383.08 (this investment was renewed on 26-3-24 for 1 year @ 4.00% )

Total Investments \$ 59,202.76

**Grand Total \$65505.14**

Moved : Treasurer

Seconded: Ian P Carried:

10 2024-2025 Membership at 5-02-25 – 26 Seniors, 11 Pensioners, 5 Junior, 3 Life, 3 Associate = 48 financial members

11 Lake Narracan Advisory Committee: - will have 4 meetings this year

12 Relocation Update: - stagnant - Brian & Craig are checking out some sites at AGL Loy Yang

13 Flight Proficiency – none

14 Safety – Snakes & appropriate clothing, always take a phone if you have to go out into the paddock for any reason.

15 GENERAL BUSINESS

15.1 Defibrillator Pads need replacing \$130 -\$150 - It was agreed to buy a set of pads. Wayne will organize.

15.2 Cub Cadet Mower 150hr service has been done.

15.3 CCMT – It was discussed and a date set on 20<sup>th</sup> April. If for some reason the weather is no good or members can't make it on that date we will do it individually as we did last year.

15.4 Firewood working bee – There is plenty of wood around so we will have a working bee one Saturday afternoon for those with chainsaws. Wayne will send out an email when a date is set.

15.5 Height limit – We should try again to get 1000 ft limit at Lake Narracan

15.6 It was suggested that we should start looking at plans to move and a sub committee should be set to do it. After some discussion and some paperwork being passed around it was agreed that we need to do this but not until we actually have a new site. We all want a site with improved facilities.

15.7 It was also suggested that we should do more PR and put articles in the LV Express.

16 BENT WHEEL AWARD – Ivan – Stick went off the air when he left the bind Plug in. The theory is that he had a brownout and because the Bind Plug was in the receiver went into bind mode.

Ian H – Stik just went off the air, cause unknown

Craig - crashed his F14 into the trees on a long landing approach from the East

Chris – crashed hid Draco when the battery ran out in the wrong place.

**Congratulations Ian Heafield**

17 BOMB AWARD - Ivan was the only nomination - for leaving the Bind Plug in his receiver.

**Congratulations Ivan Walker**

18 SHOW & TELL – Rex showed a De Havilland Beaver that he has started building – Wayne offered a set of wings that may be suitable.



19 CONFIRM PROGRAM - BADMAC Scale Action event 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> March, Combat Cup 16<sup>th</sup> March, 23<sup>rd</sup> March Slope day at No Pine

20 Next meeting will be a General Meeting and which will be on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025 at the Moe RSL meeting room

21 Meeting Closed at : 8.30pm



Above -Rex Mitchel has started building a De Havilland Beaver

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It was decided at the last meeting to have a start time of 10.00am for our Club Events at Lake Narracan.

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## Remember to keep an eye on Charging Lipo's

### March Long Weekend 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025

What an unbelievable weekend with 3 days in a row of perfect weather for Flying Model Aeroplanes. Maybe a little too hot in the afternoons but the mornings were superb. I went up to the Bairnsdale Scale Event on **Saturday** and had a great time. A foggy drive up and perfect wind and weather for the whole day. I Counted 80 models on the ground and there were at least 20 models still in trailers and in the shed. Of course, not all those models were flown.

Dave Lewis had gone for 3 days and flew his Viper Jet, the Edge 540, his Mustang and other smaller models.

Sam Flack was assisting Dave and did manage a few flights on each day, after the main action was over.

Jamie McLaughlin was camping for the weekend flew his Extra 300, his stik and his helicopter.

Wayne Lewis had 5 flights with his electric Pitts Special on 6S 6000mha batteries.

**Sunday** was another great day with perfect weather and Jamie and Dave both flew. No one else from our Club attended .





Above – pics of some very nice Models from the Bairnsdale Scale Fly-in



## Club Flyday at Lake Narracan (Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025)

It was another great day for flying with a light Easterly wind and it did get pretty warm at 33 degrees by 1.00pm and there wasn't a big rollup of fliers, being a long weekend and, with the Bairnsdale Event on I suspect a few members had gone up there.

**Fred Barabasz** flew his Edge 540 powered by a DLE35RA engine and it flew well.

**Doug Jowett** flew a Combat SPAD and he did have a new Conscendo but he didn't fly it on this day of perfect conditions. Why ? Only Doug would know !

**Rex Mitchell** flew his Victor Air Tourer, his Rexstik and his funfly Trainer and was enjoying the conditions.

**Paul Mitchell** flew his Fun Cub, his Westland Wirlwind and also flew Dad's Air Tourer and also assisted Jamie S with his RaRa.

**Wayne Lewis** flew the Teksumo Wing, the Boomerang V3 and the Pitts Special and used 9 batteries.

**Stephen Loft** flew his Combat SPAD with wheels his Wot Wot Biplane. Loftly also flew his S1500 Stick.

**Mick Dye** flew his Ultimate Biplane and an electric Ultra Stik with no issues.

**Roy White** flew his large Covid Stik and had some minor trimming issues and Roy also flew his Combat Model.

**Jamie Sjamsudin** flew, on the buddy Box with Wayne, a 30yo Gemini, now converted to electric and it went well but was hard for Jamie to see at times. Jamie also flew his 30yo RaRa also converted to electric with assistance from Paul. (They both fly Mode 2)

**Graham McMahon** flew his Hot Rod and his FMS Cub but unfortunately the battery in his Sportster 40 was faulty so he couldn't fly that on this day.

**Godwin Bugeja** flew his Ultra Stik and flew a new OS15LA powered Combat Model that was donated to him. (an ex Mal Stiles model donated to Wayne by ex member, Gavin Ramm and now donated to Godwin as he lost some Combat models in his fire)

By 1.00pm we had all departed and it wasn't going to get any cooler.



Above – Paul Mitchell's FunCub & Wirlwind at the Club Flyday





Above -Some of the fliers on the Club Flyday

### Combat Cup Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March

Unfortunately the event was cancelled because it rained all day and is now set for Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

	Event 1 scores
Wayne	850
Godwin	850
Craig	800
Ian P	800
James	800
Brian	800
Jamie	800
Lofty	700
Dave	550



Ian Partletons Electric Hots

Just a reminder that the Col Cliff Memorial Trophy has not happened at this stage due to the weather. New rules are that it must be a .40 to .46 or electric equivalent High Wing Trainer type without flaps or flaperons, etc. Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April was set as a date but it is Easter Sunday so we may change that date.

<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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### **CURRENT FUEL SITUATION – 2-2-25**

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 \$39 / 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.

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Above – Rex & Paul Mitchel starting the Victor Air Tourer



***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.***

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Graham McMahon's Extra300



Above – a nice big P38 Lightning at the Bairnsdale Scale weekend



## Agenda for the March 2025 General Meeting

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- 7 Business arising from the previous minutes –
  - 7.1 Bunnings Sausage Sizzle – date to be set
  - 7.2 Height Limits -
  - 7.3 Defibrillator Pads have arrived and are in the Container.
  - 7.4 Firewood working bee

- 8 Correspondence In & Out and Business arising from Correspondence
  - 8.1 Out - Newsletter to members, VMAA & various others
  - 8.2 In - VMAA Minutes
  - 8.3
  - 8.4 Emails In & Out with Ambulance Vic with updated details on our Defibrillator

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- 12 Relocation Update: - Sound test results
- 13 Flight Proficiency –
- 14 Safety – Snakes & appropriate clothing, always take a phone if you have to go out into the paddock for any reason.
- 15 GENERAL BUSINESS
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  - 15.2 Others

- 16 BENT WHEEL AWARD – Wayne – MXS, Ivan – Stik, Jamie-Walrus, others

- 17 BOMB AWARD

- 18 SHOW & TELL –

- 19 CONFIRM PROGRAM -

- 20 Next meeting will be a General Meeting and which will be on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at the Moe RSL meeting room

- 21 Meeting Closed at :



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

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**No flying when the Ambulance Helicopter  
is over Lake Narracan.  
They could show up at any time, any day.**

**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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