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



Mick Dye has this Focke-wulf 190

SUNDAY	JUNE 29	General flying at all sites
WEDNESDAY	JULY 2	Monthly Meeting at the Moe RSL meeting room – 7.30pm start
SUNDAY	JULY 6	Club Flyday at LAKE NARRACAN
SUNDAY	JULY 13	General flying at all sites
SATURDAY	JULY 19	Social Meal – at MOE RSL at 12.30pm
SUNDAY	JULY 20	General flying at all sites.
SUNDAY	JULY 27	General flying at all sites
SUNDAY	AUGUST 3	General flying at all sites
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 6	Monthly Meeting at the Moe RSL meeting room – 7.30pm start
SUNDAY	AUGUST 10	Club Flyday at LAKE NARRACAN
SUNDAY	AUGUST 17	General flying at all sites
SUNDAY	AUGUST 24	General flying at all sites

From the President...

Hi all,

What a month it has been with the good weather continuing to smile on us. Some frosty mornings but nice days to follow allowing us to complete the Col Cliff Memorial Trophy and get the Combat Classic Event 3 done. A good roll up of members on most weekends also. (18 last Sunday)

I would like to stress the importance of personal safety due to recent prop strikes and the danger of methanol in the fire pit. Please everyone be careful!!

Thanks to Chris D for covering me again at the next meeting as I am off to the Surgeons table again for more repairs. All being well I should return mid July.

See you at the field.

Bill Reid'

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

Minutes of the June 2025 General Meeting held at the MOE RSL at 7.30pm on Wednesday 4th June 2025

- 1 Meeting Opened at : 7.30pm
- 2 Present – 11 members - Bill Reid, Wayne Lewis, Godwin Bugeja, Ivan Walker, Jamie McLaughlin, Fred Barabasz, Chris Davenport, Craig McMahon, Brian Adams, Stephen Loft & Ian Heafield
- 3 Apologies – Ash Bence, Rex Mitchell, Paul Mitchell & Ian Partleton
- 4 Visitors - None
- 5 New Members applications – None
- 6 Confirm the minutes of the previous Meeting held on 7th May 2025 – As per the June 2025 Newsletter

Moved : Secretary

Seconded: Brian Carried: yes

7 Business arising from the previous minutes –

- 7.1 Bunnings Sausage Sizzle – Saturday 16th August 25 was set as the date
- 7.2 Survey results -The comments were read and no issues raised. Some comments would only be ok at a new site.
- 7.3 Toilet repair – We will try to take the toilet apart and see what exactly needs to be done.
- 7.4 Mid Year Social - will be on Saturday 19th July at 12.30pm at the Moe RSL Bistro.
- 7.5 Sign for Sullivans Track intersection – The sign has been erected and looks good.
- 7.6 Micks Powerpoint presentation has been sent to the Latrobe City Mayor with a letter. Concern was raised that the letter was sent without being checked by anyone and did not have approval of the Committee. It was agreed that any official correspondence from the “relocation Committee” should at least pass through the Club Executive before external distribution.
- 7.7 Website Domain renewal (lvmac.org.au) was paid - \$47.89 after tax paid for 2 years
- 7.8 Council Grants – Wayne & Craig to attend a Seminar on 18th June at 5.30 at the Morwell Council Headquarters.

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 – LCC info on Grants and Grant writing workshops Wayne & Craig to attend.

8.4 In & out – Info on 2025-2026 MAAA/VMAA Fees which were added to the Club Fees and sent out to all members.

Moved : Secretary

Seconded: Brian Carried: Yes

9 Treasurer – As supplied

1-05-2025 Starting Balance \$

Income \$

Expenses \$

31-05-2025 Balance \$

Comm Bank TD \$ (this investment was renewed on 10-7-25 for 1 year @ 4.60%)

Bendigo Bank TD \$ (this investment was renewed on 26-9-25 for 1 year @ 4.40%)

Total Investments \$

Grand Total \$

Moved : Treasurer

Seconded: Ivan Carried: Yes

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

11 Lake Narracan Advisory Committee: - Godwin attended the last meeting and has agreed to attend future meetings with Bill.

12 Relocation Update: - Mick sent a letter to the Mayor with a Powerpoint presentation. In future all communications should at least go through the relocation Committee and Club Executive before external distribution.

13 Flight Proficiency – Craig McMahon has attained his Gold Wings - Graham McMahon has done his Silver Wings test.

14 Safety – some propellor injuries.

15 GENERAL BUSINESS

15.1 Thanks to Jamie M for his effort in getting rid of the Camper. It appears that he is still in the Lake Narracan area but up the other end.

15.2 LN Camera – A motion was put forward by Wayne, seconded by Godwin, to get the Camera that was donated by Fred up and working and to pay the simcard fees for a year. The Motion was accepted by the meeting.

16 BENT WHEEL AWARD – There were several nominations..

1 Jamie S – crashed his Maule after changing the ESC and having reversed ailerons. It has been repaired and is flying again.

2 Ian P – Broke his Boomerang – not repairable. Also stalled and broke his Skyraider & damaged the electric Hots which is repairable. All on different days !

3 Ian H – crashed his Boomerang up in the trees near the gate. Luckily he got it all back.

4 Eric – has a bad launch with his Crazy Wing, The pusher went into failsafe mode when his Tx battery went flat. It circled around nicely and eventually crashed. It has been repaired. Eric also crashed a bigger stik type model . He landed on a windy day and the model was picked up by the wind and crashed on the other side of the roadway. Again, not all on the same day.

5 James M broke his very fast little home made F15 on a bad launch at Bairnsdale.

6 Dave L crashed his 2.5m span Viper Jet at Bairnsdale. He look down for the undercarriage switch and when he looked up it wasn't where it should have been. It hit the ground and became airborne and had some issues. It eventually went behind some trees, came out through the trees and landed on the end of the strip. It will be repaired and repainted.

7 Ivan – Ivan crashed his Triplane when his assistant moved the trims the wrong way. It will be repaired.

Ian Partleton is the lucky recipient of the Bent Wheel Award

17 BOMB AWARD - There were 2 nominations. Eric for letting his Transmitter battery go flat and Godwin for trimming Ivan's Triplane the wrong way.

Eric Spratt is the lucky recipient of the Bomb Award

18 SHOW & TELL – Fred set up the Security Camera that he has donated and showed how it looks on his phone.

Godwin asked about a charger for his DX8 (his was cooked in his garage fire). There was some discussion on the type of battery it was and what charger should be used. It has to be a 2S Lipo as its 7.2V.

19 CONFIRM PROGRAM - Sunday 15th June - Slope day at No Pine – Sunday June 22nd – Combat Classic event 320 Next meeting will be a General Meeting and which will be on Wednesday 2nd July 2025 at the Moe RSL meeting room.
(AGM is in August)

21 Meeting Closed at : 8.25pm

Remember to keep an eye on your Charging Lipo's

Club Flyday at Lake Narracan (Sunday 8th June 2025)

It was the **King's Birthday Weekend** and the weather forecast was for cold, wet and windy conditions and it was snowing up in the Mountains but at Lake Narracan it was a lot different to the forecast. The fog cleared by 9.00am and it was fine, sunny and there was no wind. It even warmed up and was very pleasant on the Flight line with the Sun on your back. There wasn't the usual roll up of members possibly due to the weather forecast or the Long Weekend.

Graham McMahon flew his Crazy Wing, his foam Cub, his Fredo Hots and his Fredo Mini Stik 100

Wayne Lewis flew his Challenger, the SPAD 40, the Boomerang V3 & the Teksumo.

Jamie Sjamsudin flew his electric RaRa and the Maule on the cordless buddy system with Wayne

Craig McMahon flew his foamy Extra 330 and his F22

Eric Spratt had his Little Stik 100, his Boomerang V3 and his Crazy Wing.

Mick Dye flew his Fred made Ultra Stick. Mick also had a nice Stuka and an FW190 but couldn't get the motors running satisfactorily so they were not flown.

Jamie McLaughlin flew his Zeus EDF and his Edge 540

Ivan Walker flew his Sport Star, the Jackaroo and tried to fly his Combat Model with wheels but that didn't go to well going into a flat spin on launch and breaking the propellor. Ivan also had Tristar and a Cub in the car for backup but they didn't get to fly on this day.

Adam Monument just came out to socialize and didn't even have a Model in the car.

Past member, **Geoff Bruerton** also came out to socialize and there were several visitors that came for a look. I left at 1.00pm and it was still calm and there was some cloud starting to move in. The smoke & steam from Yallourn Power Station was going straight up several thousand feet.

A great day was had by all that attended.



Above – Mick Dye brought out this “Stuka” but I did not see it fly

2025 Col Cliff Memorial Trophy –

Another Great event with puuurrrfect conditions for this type of event. The day started with a frosty strip which soon disappeared once the Sun rose and the wind was almost non existent until after lunch. There was plenty of general flying up to 11.00 when the CCMT got finally got under way. This event was programmed for February and had a few postponements. There were 7 starters on this day and all did pretty well.

Wayne was first up flying an electric Boomerang 3 and got 3 max scores.

Dave was second up flying an electric Excel2000 Trainer and managed 2 Max score.s

Ian was third up flying a Homebuilt trainer and got 1 max score.

Lofty was fourth up flying his electric S1500 Stick and got 1 max score.

Brian was fifth up flying an electric Hustler and got 1 max score.

Chris was last up with his Ultra Stick and only managed to do 2 events before hitting the fence and taking the end off his wing

James and Rex were unavailable on this day and had their go on other days with similar weather.

James managed to get 4 Max scores in the Loops under power, Loops on idle, Spot Landing and Touch & Goes and was flying an electric Easy Sport 40 model.

Rex was flying a home made high Wing model which was the only Nitro powered model in the event and Rex managed to get 1 Max score in the Loops under Power.

All 8 fliers got a max score of 200 points in the “Loops under Power”

James got 9 and Wayne & Dave both got 6 in the “Climb & Loops on Idle” (max was 8)

Wayne & Lofty did best in the “1 minute flight” with 57 seconds for Wayne and 63 seconds for Lofty.

Wayne and James both did well in the “Spot Landing” with the wing of the models less than half a metre from the spot which is counted as max 200 points. The next closest to the spot was 5 metres.

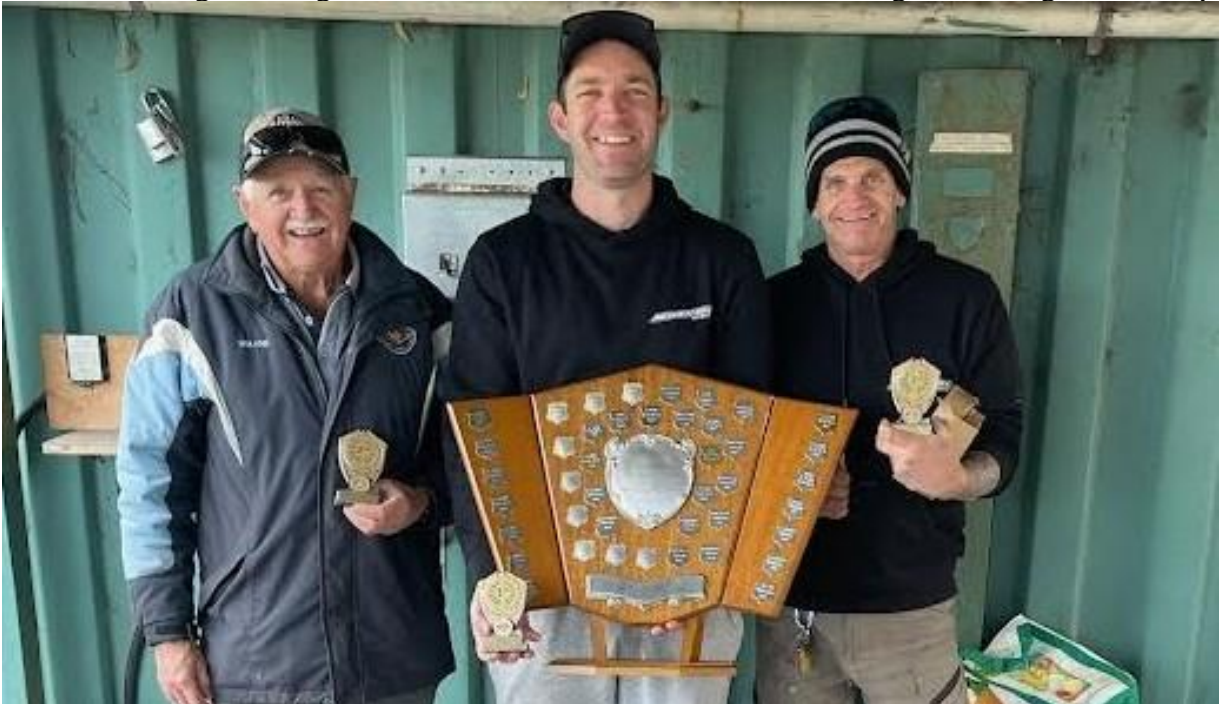
The “Spins” event was again won by Wayne but only on a second attempt (you are allowed have a go at a second attempt at one event of your choice) Wayne got 21 spins Ian and James got 13.

In the “Touch & Go” event Wayne, Dave and James all got the Max of 10 Touch & Goes in the 2 minutes allowed.

James topped the list in the “Climb & Glide” event with 2 minutes & 49 seconds.

Final Scores are.....	James	1135.5
	Wayne	1127
	Dave	881
	Rex	798
	Lofty	768
	Brian	761
	Ian	674
	Chris	DNF

Thanks to Fred for doing a Sausage Sizzle Lunch and to Chris & Eric for doing the scoring & timekeeping.



Above – Wayne, James & Dave

Combat Classic Event 3 of 4

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It was another great day at Lake Narracan. It was a cold and frosty start but the Sun was warming things up nicely and because of the wet ground the start of the Combat Classic was delayed until Midday. That meant more General Flying for the 18 members that had arrived. There were 7 starters in the event and all flew the 4 rounds. Due to the carnage 4 pilots had to resort to “backup models”, but it was a fun event and you have to expect some bad luck. Godwin was flying a nitro model for the first 3 rounds and had to go electric for the last round and everyone else was flying electric.

30 seconds into **round 1** Wayne had a midair with someone ??? and it tore a hole in the SPAD wing and broke 1 aileron but Wayne kept flying and finished the round. A backup model was required for the next round. Dave and Brian both got cuts in that round and Wayne, Dave & James lost their streamers.

Round 2 saw some close action and a couple of clips but no major incidents. Wayne, Lofty, James & Craig all got cuts and Wayne Dave Lofty & Craig all lost streamers.

Round 3 was the carnage round with James, Brian, Lofty & Godwin all having midair collisions and requiring backup models for the next round. Lofty & Brian ended up out in the paddock, Godwin ended up on the strip and I am not sure where James ended up. The watchers were very impressed with this round. Craig got 2 cuts and Brian got 2 cuts in this round with Lofty, Craig, Godwin & James all losing their streamers.

Round 4 saw more action and a few clips and 20 seconds before the final hooter Dave had a midair with someone ??? and lost an aileron and manage to get it back to the strip and landed 1 second before the hooter sounded so he got the full time. (you lose 50 points if you don't get the full time) Lofty & Craig both got cuts in the round and Dave & Lofty lost their streamers.

To sum up it was one of the best events that we have had. We haven't see that much carnage for years.

Everyone was still smiling when it was all over.

Brian got the best score on the day with 880 points followed by Craig with 850 points then Lofty on 780points.

Thanks again to Fred for organizing the Sausage Sizzle Lunch and to Chris and the others that assisted with timekeeping and thanks to the members that flew in the event.

Scores	Event 1	Event 2	Event 3	Total after 3 events
Wayne	850	900	750	2500
Craig	800	700	850	2350
Godwin	850	730	750	2330
Lofty	700	750	780	2230
Brian	800	0	880	1680
Jamie Mc	800	800	0	1600
Ian P	800	750	0	1550
James	800	0	700	1500
Dave	550	0	700	1250



Above- This is how Lofty's Combat SPAD landed in the paddock after a midair.



Above – Brian’s Combat line up



Above – Wayne’s Wing

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.

Fees are due before 30th June 2025. The MAAA & VMAA have set their fees and the MAAA has reduced their fee by \$15. The VMAA and our “Club Fee” remain unchanged. Junior members also get a substantial reduction.

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	Club fee only =			2.00

When you get you email from the MAAA with your Card you really only need to print your Card if you fly at other Clubs so keep it with your models or take a pic and keep it in your phone.

If you can’t print your Card yourself, contact Wayne and he will do it for you.

<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 – 25-4-25

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 \$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 - James flew his Grumman F7F Tigercat at the Warbirds Day

B Adams pic

**The 2025 AGM will be held on Wednesday 6th August at the Moe RSL.
Please make an effort to attend.**

NOMINATION FORM FOR LVMAC COMMITTEE 2025-2026

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 6th August 25 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 2025-2026 Committee.

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)

This form must be filled out and returned to the Secretary Wayne Lewis, by Email (latrobevalleymodelaeroclub@gmail.com), Mail to 39 Kurt St, Morwell. 3840 or hand delivered by 6.00pm on Wednesday 23rd July 2025.

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.

At this stage I believe we are looking for a new President.

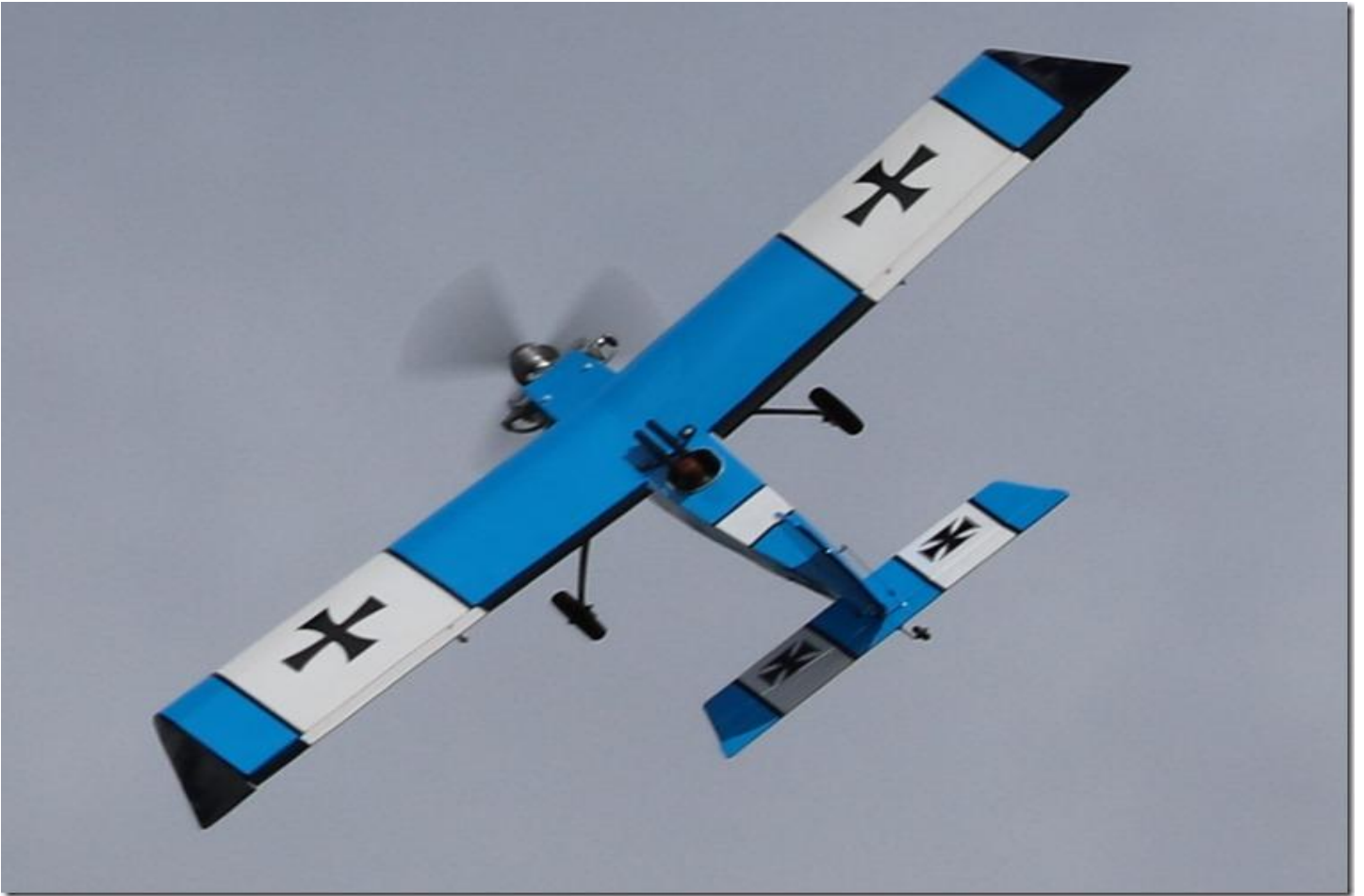
Have you paid your fees yet?

Lake Narracan Camera

We now have a Camera set up at Lake Narracan because it was donated by Fred. It has 2 Camera's, one looking straight forward and one that can swivel around 220 degrees. To get access you need to download the GENBOLT CAM app and you have to register. You then have to see Fred & Craig to get it activated. The top Pic is looking down the track and the bottom pic is part swiveled.

We have decided to move the camera closer to the Windsock to get a better view of the Windsock so the view will change. That change should happen this weekend if all goes well. A Post will be concreted at the West end of the Pilot Line where the white Transmitter box is.





Above - This is my big Ugly Stick, it was scratch built during Covid lockdown from drawings that I acquired from Roy White. The build took approx. 6 weeks to complete the fuselage and wing then, another 2 weeks of fitting out the servos motor, fuel tank, receiver and switches etc.

The engine is a DLE 40 cc twin cylinder driving a 20 X 8 propeller, wing span is 81 inches it weighs 6.5 Kilos. It is constructed from ply and balsa wood. It is a pleasure to fly as it is capable of performing some aerobatics.



Above - Some guys from ORIX have been checking the High Tension Towers in the area with this drone and needed to use our site to do some checks. It flies on 4 6S 20,000Mha batteries.



Above – Fred had a midair with James. Fred's Extra was totaled and James F86 Sabre was damaged but landed ok



Above – Craigs F22 Raptor went off the air and straight into the ground. Not much to salvage ! Even killed the motor !

Agenda for the July 2025 General Meeting

To be held at the MOE RSL at 7.30pm on Wednesday 2nd July 2025

- 1 Meeting Opened at :
- 2 Present –
- 3 Apologies – Ash
- 4 Visitors
- 5 New Members applications –
- 6 Confirm the minutes of the previous Meeting held on 4th June 2025 – As per the July 2025 Newsletter

Moved : Secretary Seconded Carried:

- 7 Business arising from the previous minutes –
 - 7.1 Bunnings Sausage Sizzle – Now set for Saturday 30th August
 - 7.2 Toilet repair – We may have to get a second hand one
 - 7.3 Mid Year Social - Saturday 19th July at 12.30pm
 - 7.4 Council Grants – Wayne & Craig attended a Seminar on 18th June. Grants will be available soon. What do we want.
 - 7.5 Micks presentation - Council Meeting
- 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 – email from the Car Club thanking us for a great days entertainment
 - 8.4 In – email from VMAA Registrar with details to enable 2025/26 registrations

Moved : Secretary Seconded: Carried:

9 Treasurer – As supplied	1-06-2025 Starting Balance \$	000.00	
	Income \$	000.00	
	Expenses \$	000.00	
	30-06-2025 Balance \$	000.00	
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	Total Investments \$		
	Grand Total \$		

Moved : Treasurer Seconded: Carried:

- 10 2025-2026 Final Membership – 24-25 membership finished at 48financial members 25-26 membership is at 17 at 27/6/25
- 11 Lake Narracan Advisory Committee: - Godwin will attend meetings with Bill as needed
- 12 Relocation Update & Relocation Committee Report :
- 13 Flight Proficiency –
- 14 Safety – Fire lighting
- 15 GENERAL BUSINESS
 - 15.1
 - 15.2
 - 15.3 Others
- 16 BENT WHEEL AWARD – Fred – Extra, Craig – F22, Mick Mini Ultra stik, Ian P – chookshed, Ivan – Cub thing, Wayne – Jamies RARA, Dave – Excel, Brian – Corsair, Combat – Wayne, Brian, Lofty, Godwin & James
- 17 BOMB AWARD -
- 18 SHOW & TELL –
- 19 CONFIRM PROGRAM -
- 20 Next meeting will be a General Meeting followed by the **Annual General Meeting** and will be on Wednesday 6th August 2025 at 7.30pm at the Moe RSL meeting room.
- 21 Meeting Closed at :

Thankyou to Dave Lewis for disposing of those 4 plastic Barrels and other rubbish that was left from that raft that was left in our floatplane area by the “camper”. Dave also did a bit of a clean up of some areas when he recently camped out at Lake Narracan. Much appreciated Dave.



Above – Craigs T-28 Trojan taking to the sky

B Adams pic

Club Mid Year Social Lunch.

Just a reminder that our Club Mid Year Social Lunch is on Saturday 19th July 2025 at the Moe RSL at 12.30pm. Please let Wayne or Ian Partleton know if you are coming ASAP.

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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