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August 2025

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VMAA Website is at www.vmaa.com.au

MAAA website is at www.maaa.asn.au

Facebook -<https://www.facebook.com/flylvmac>

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



Dave Lewis has refurbished his 13yo MXR. Very nice and unusual freehand paint scheme. 55cc DLE engine

SUNDAY	JULY 27	General flying at all sites
SUNDAY	AUGUST 3	General flying at all sites
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 6	Monthly Meeting & AGM 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
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 3	Monthly Meeting at the Moe RSL meeting room – 7.30pm start
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 7	FATHERS DAY & Club Flyday at LAKE NARRACAN.
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 14	Slope Gliding at No Pine & General flying at all sites
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 21	General flying at all sites
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 28	General flying at all sites

President's report...

Hi all,

Who can believe the calm weather that we have had again this month, particularly on the weekends. Some frosty mornings but nice days to follow. Numbers have been a little down with some members heading North for the Winter, some heading overseas and some on the sick list. It was good to see Fred bring Doug Jowett out for a couple of visits this month. Unfortunately, it looks like his health is failing rather quickly.

President Bill Reid is recovering from his Back Operation and should be back on deck soon so Wayne is doing this report for him.

Memberships are still coming in with 41 current financial members and hopefully a few more to come.

Thanks again to Chris D for covering the President, Bill's job at the last meeting.

See you at the field.

Minutes of the July 2025 General Meeting held at the MOE RSL at 7.30pm on Wednesday 2nd July 2025

- 1 Meeting Opened at : 7.30pm
 - 2 Present – 9 Members – Vice President Chris Davenport chaired the Meeting, Wayne Lewis, Ivan Walker, Godwin Bugeja, Mick Dye, Fred Barabasz, Craig McMahon, Brian Adams & Ian Partleton
 - 3 Apologies – Bill Reid, Stephen Loft, Jamie McLaughlin & Ian Heafield
 - 4 Visitors - none
 - 5 New Members applications – none
 - 6 Confirm the minutes of the previous Meeting held on 4th June 2025 – As per the July 2025 Newsletter
- Moved : Secretary Seconded: Ivan Carried: yes
- 7 Business arising from the previous minutes –
 - 7.1 Bunnings Sausage Sizzle – Now set for Saturday 30th August – Godwin has 3 names at this stage.
 - 7.2 Toilet repair – We may have to get a second hand one. Chris to check with a plumber to see if it can be fixed. If not it was agreed to buy a replacement.
 - 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.
 - 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
 - 8.5 Out - emails to registrar for rejoining members

Moved : Secretary Seconded: Godwin Carried: yes

9 Treasurer – As supplied	1-06-2025 Starting Balance \$	0
	Income \$	0
	Expenses \$	0
	0-06-2025 Balance \$	0
	Comm Bank TD \$	0 (this investment was renewed on 10-7-25 for 1 year @ 3.50%)
	Bendigo Bank TD \$	0 (this investment was renewed on 26-9-25 for 1 year @ 4.40%)
	Total Investments \$	0
	Grand Total \$	\$ 0

Note: The CBA Investment expires on 10th July25 and we will receive \$0 interest. Godwin to reinvest for the best rate

Moved : Treasurer Seconded: Ivan Carried: yes

10 2025-2026 Financial Membership –28 financial at 2/7/25

11 Lake Narracan Advisory Committee: - Godwin will attend meetings with Bill as needed. No meetings planned at this time.

12 Relocation Update & Relocation Committee Report :. Mick arranged a meeting with Mayor, CEO, some councilors and others, Godwin, Brian & Wayne and Mick presented a Video and Powerpoint presentation on the need for a new site. Mick & his wife Dao, had put a lot of work into the presentation which we thought impressed all present. Some contacts were made and we are going to check our Criteria and re visit some of the 65 sited looked at over the past 11 years.

13 Flight Proficiency – Nil

14 Safety – Fire lighting – The club agreed to supply fire lighters as needed, when needed.

15 GENERAL BUSINESS

15.1 AGM - At this stage we are looking for a new President.

15.2 It was agreed to purchase a bunch of flowers for Doa in appreciation of the work she has done on the Presentation. Godwin will sort it out. A big thanks also to Mick for his efforts.

16 BENT WHEEL AWARD – There were so many nominations - Fred – Extra, Craig – F22, Mick Mini Ultra stik, Ian P – chookshed, Ivan – Cub thing, Wayne – Jamies RaRa, Dave – Excel, Brian – Corsair, Jamie S RaRa, Combat – Wayne, Brian, Lofty, Godwin & James .

Congratulations Brian for taking out this monthly Award

17 BOMB AWARD - Mick brought wrong Tx so didn't get to fly and Chris crashed a Model by accidently switching of the motor instead of selecting landing flaps.

Congratulations Chris for receiving this sought after Award

18 SHOW & TELL – Wayne told of a new possible Member who builds RC surveillance robots for the Army and Game parks in Africa and had a problem with a Model Aircraft that he wants to learn to fly.

19 CONFIRM PROGRAM - SATURDAY JULY 19 Social Meal – at MOE RSL at 12.30pm –

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 : 8.42pm

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

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The 2025 AGM will be held on Wednesday 6th August at the Moe RSL. Please make an effort to attend. The Committee for 2025-2026 has all positions filled but you can still nominate on the night if you want to.

Remember to keep an eye on your Charging Lipo's

Club Flyday at Lake Narracan (Sunday 6th July 2025)

The forecast leading up to this day was not good but it changed at the last minute and although it was a cool and cloudy day at Lake Narracan, the wind was light so flying conditions were good. I forgot to do a report on who was there. I have a feeling that Wayne and Lofty were the only ones that showed up on this day. Wayne was flying the Boomerang V3, The SPAD 40, the Challenger & the Teksumo Wing and had gone through 10 batteries by 11.00am. Lofty had only charged a few batteries and flew his Combat SPADS. I suspect many had not charged any batteries because of the original forecast and of course some members have flown North for the Winter.

Combat Classic Event after 3 events. I more event to go

Remember, only the best scores of 3 events are counted so everyone still has a chance to get a placing.

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

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 were due on 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.

	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	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](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.

Lake Narracan Camera

We now have the Camera relocated at Lake Narracan and 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 Camera view is looking down the track and the bottom Camera view can be swiveled from the toilets to the strip.

We have decided to move the camera closer to the Windssock to get a better view of the Windssock 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.

Unfortunately, we have just found out that only 5 members can have access to the Camera so we are investigating other options.





Above – Godwin adjusting the fixed Camera Angle



above- filling in the base of the new 6m pole



Above – some mongrel has been riding a Motor Bike on our strip. We are not impressed !



Above – Mick’s wife, Dao was presented with a bunch of flowers for her excellent work on the Relocation Video.

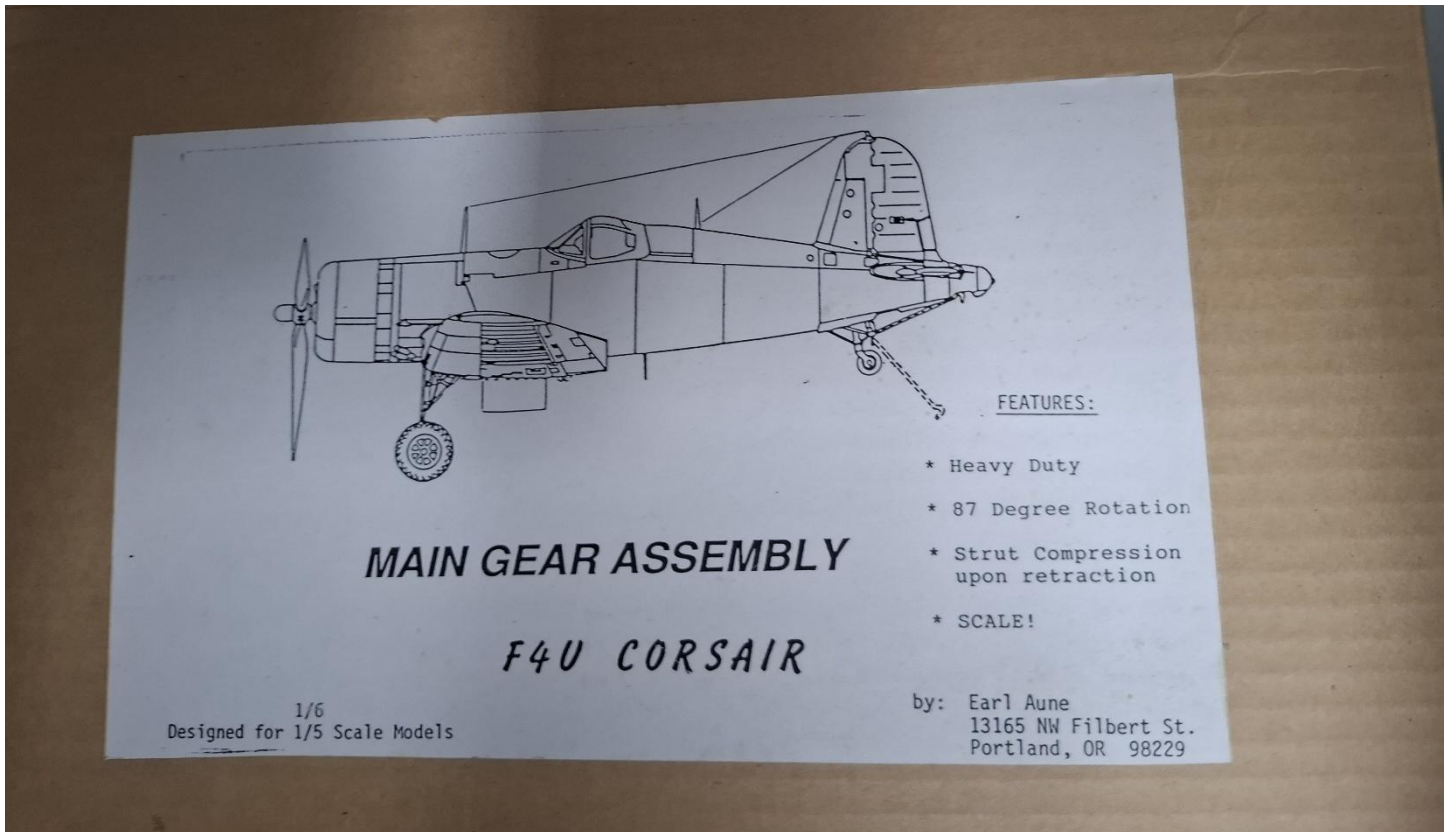


Above – Godwin has built this Wayfarer, powered by a .90 4Stroke. Fly's well. Several other members are also building them



Above – Chris miscalculated the landing of his Draco, and the undercarriage hit the fence

Mower Battery – The Cub Cadet Mower Battery has died and a replacement has been purchased. Thanks to Fred for keeping the field in tip top condition.



For Sale - Retracts for 1/5th or 1/6 scale F4U CORSAIR
Brand new – never been used
cost over \$1000 – selling for \$500

Contact Garry Mauger on 0438 121 306 or
g.mauger@aussiebb.com.au

located at Hazelwood North



For Sale – 61” span Waco Biplane with a new Saito 4 stroke Engine (Gold Edition) Never been flown. \$400

Contact - Bret Mitchell in Traralgon on 0421 698 651



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Mower Battery – The Cub Cadet Mower Battery has died and a replacement has been purchased. Thanks to Fred for keeping the field in tip top condition.

**Minutes of the LVMAC 2024 Annual General Meeting
held at the Moe RSL on Wednesday 7th August 2024,
after the General meeting.**

1 Meeting Opened at: 8.45pm

2 Present – 15 members -Wayne Lewis, Bill Reid, Ivan Walker, Godwin Bugeja, Ian Partleton, Ian Heafield, Ollie Wilson, Fred Barabasz, Rex Mitchell, Chris Davenport, Stephen Loft, Brian Adams, Mick Dye, Jamie McLaughlin & Craig McMahon.

3 Apologies –Ash Bence, Adam Monument & Paul Mitchell

4 Visitors – Jodie Wilson

5 Confirm the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 2nd August 2023 – As per the Newsletter

Moved : Secretary Seconded: Ian P Carried: Yes

6 Business arising from the Previous AGM Minutes –

7 **Reports for 23/24** were read out

7.1 Presidents Report : **President's Report 2024**

This last year 2023/2024 saw a few changes to the club.

The major change was the move to the Moe RSL for the monthly meetings. This has proved most successful with the Club social events held here now with luncheons instead of the traditional evening meals.

Early this year we participated in the very popular 'Bunnings Sausage Sizzle' event. A great effort from many of the Club members with the cooking serving etc, to setting up and manning the extensive and interesting display of models.

Throughout the year the field was used on a number of occasions by Swinburne Tech in their drones and hydrogen research experiments.

A most useful solar powered charging station and battery was donated by Fred and installed by Fred & Godwin for convenient on field battery charging. It is working well and getting plenty of use.

The future of the new field is still in discussion with Latrobe City Council. Personally, I do not think we will be moving any time soon.

On a promising note, however, we have several new younger members who are experienced pilots and I have enjoyed watching their skills in the air.

Overall, the tone of the Club is one of cooperation and good humour which shows that the Club is in a good position moving forward. Finally, in closing I would like to thank Wayne, Godwin, Chris and the subcommittee for their support during the past year.

PS thank you to my wife Lyn who has been my secretarial support for the year and my brownie points have accumulated very well!!

AMEN.

7.2 Secretaries Report : **Secretaries Report 2023-2024 :**

It has been another pretty good year for the club. Membership for the 23-24 year ended on 50 members, which was 4 up on the previous year in which we had 46 members. Current financial membership for 24-25 year is 41 with a few members still to become financial. Graeme Blackman has indicated that he will not be re-joining this year as he has moved to Geelong and is flying with the South Coast Flyers.

The MAAA introduced a new registration system in 22-23 and we now are able to print our own MAAA Membership Cards. The Secretary is able to print the card for anyone that cannot do it themselves. The MAAA “Jungle” program has had several delays and is now being implemented into some Clubs. It is expected that by the end of this year all Clubs will be using “Jungle”.

We have had some very windy days during the warmer months and several flydays & events had to be postponed but we still managed to have several successful Club fly days and events throughout the year. Unfortunately, the CCMT was started but has not been finished except for John Gillam who has completed the events. There will be some discussion on the CCMT in General Business.

We had the Swinburne Air Hub using our field on several occasions in 2024, flying and experimenting with some large Drones, one using Hydrogen as the fuel. We did decide to ask for a donation to the Club of \$50 per day, \$25 if they cancel. An Invoice has been sent but at this stage no funds have been received. Latrobe City Council is hoping something will come of these experiments that will benefit the Community and currently some sort of Drone building enterprise is taking shape at the Latrobe Regional Airport.

9 Election of 2024-2025 Committee....

- President – Bill Reid
- Vice President – Chris Davenport
- Secretary – Wayne Lewis
- Treasurer – Godwin Bugeja
- Ordinary Member 1 - Ian Partleton
- Ordinary Member 2 – Rex Mitchell
- Ordinary Member 3 – Stephen Loft
- Ordinary Member 4 - Brian Adams
- Ordinary Member 5 - Ivan Walker
- Ordinary Member 6 - Mick Dye

10 Election of appointed positions

- Assistant Secretary - Craig McMahon
- Assistant Treasurer – Wayne Lewis
- Safety Officers – Lake Narracan – Mick Dye & Fred Barabasz
Warragul – Dirk Kurpershoek
- Auditors x 2 – Wayne & Chris
- Plans Officer – Godwin
- LNAG rep – Bill
- Newsletter Editor – Wayne
- CCMT coordinator – Chris
- Combat Cup/Combat Classic coordinator – Chris

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

- 11.1 Confirm fees for the 2024-2025 year – The fees were approved as set back in May.
- 11.2 2024-2025 Club Yearly Program – Copy of the draft was sent to members before the meeting. Date and events are weather dependent and can be changed at short notice.
- 11.3 CCMT rules changes – It was agreed that a .46 or electric equivalent size model, preferably a standard Trainer or Stik type model be used with no flaps, flaperons or other performance enhancing modifications.
- 11.4 New Member Craig McMahon put his hand up to be the Assistant Secretary and also to take over the Club Webpage. Thanks Craig

12 Meeting Closed at: 9.20pm

13 Next AGM Wednesday 6th August 2025



There is always something keeping an eye on us at Lak Narracan

**Agenda for the August 2025 General Meeting
To be held at the MOE RSL at 7.30pm on Wednesday 6th August 2025**

- 1 Meeting Opened at :
- 2 Present – as per the book
- 3 Apologies – as per the book
- 4 Visitors -
- 5 New Members applications – Joshua Saliba
- 6 Confirm the minutes of the previous Meeting held on 2nd July 2025 – As per the August 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 was cancelled due to lack of interest.
- 7.4 Council Grants – Community Grants are now available

- 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 Email Out – rejoining forms to the VMAA Registrar
- 8.4

Moved : Secretary Seconded: Carried:

- 9 Treasurer – As supplied
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| 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 2026 Membership – at 1-8-25 is 41 the Financial Membership was 24 Seniors, 12 Pensioners, 3 Life, 2 Junior,
- 11 Lake Narracan Advisory Committee: - Godwin will attend meetings with Bill as needed
- 12 Relocation Update & Relocation Committee Report :
- 13 Flight Proficiency –
- 14 Safety –
- 15 GENERAL BUSINESS
- 15.1
- 15.2
- 15.3 Others

- 16 BENT WHEEL AWARD – Craig – Dauntless, Chris- Draco,

- 17 BOMB AWARD -

- 18 SHOW & TELL –

- 19 CONFIRM PROGRAM -

- 20 Next meeting will be a General Meeting and will be on Wednesday 3rd September 2025 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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