



# VALLEY FLIER



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## March 2025

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VMAA Website is at [www.vmaa.com.au](http://www.vmaa.com.au)

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 - James Morfitt is flying this F86 Sabre with a 12-blade 80mm ducted fan, a high-power 3665-KV2000 brushless inrunner motor, and a 100A ESC (with a 5A switch-mode BEC), designed to be used with a commonly available 6S 4000-5500mAh LiPo. This high-performance power and control system provides excellent performance, longer flight times, and a more realistic turbine-like engine sound for "combat" flying.

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|--------------------|-------------------|--|
| SUNDAY             | MARCH 2           | General flying at all sites  |
| WEDNESDAY          | MARCH 6           | Monthly Meeting at the Moe RSL meeting room – 7.30pm start                     |
| <b>SAT/SUN</b>     | <b>MAR 8/9</b>    | <b>SCALE RALLY Event at the STATE FIELD at BAIRNSDALE</b>                      |
| <b>SAT/SUN/MON</b> | <b>MAR 8/9/10</b> | Labour Day Long Weekend.....Various Events see VMAA Calendar.                  |
| SUNDAY             | MARCH 9           | Club Flyday at LAKE NARRACAN   |
| SUNDAY             | MARCH 16          | <b>COMBAT CUP at Lake Narracan at 10.00am</b> (event 2 of the Combat Classic)  |
| SUNDAY             | MARCH 23          | General flying at all sites <b>Slope Soaring Day at No Pine</b>                |
| 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 - 21APR  | <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                      |

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From the President...

Hi All

During the recent fly days I noticed the demise of the Caravan Park. The site is cleared and the house removed. Now it is a case of watch this space.

Many thanks to all involved with the repair of the gateway at the Hayes Road entrance. Job well done and that will keep those sneaky fishermen out.

As the Lake Narracan advisory group representative, Latrobe City has emailed me four (4) meeting dates for this year. The first on 30 April. If there are any pending issues I must have them to Council one week prior to the meeting date. If there are no issues from any of the five user groups, then normally the meeting will be cancelled. Please advise me of your concerns.

Finally on the combat day last month, the last quarter of the competition saw nine combatants with no fatalities!! A great sight.

See you at the field.

Bill Reid

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## **NO FLYING on Days of Total Fireban in the West & South Gippsland District**

**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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**It was decided at the last meeting to have a start time of  
10.00am for our Club Events during the daylight  
savings period.**

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## Minutes of the February 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 – 14 members - Bill Reid, Wayne Lewis, Godwin Bugeja, Jamie McLaughlin, Fred Barabasz, Chris Davenport, James Morfitt, Stephen Loft, Brian Adams, Ian Partleton, Mick Dye, Ian Heafield, Craig McMahon & Ivan Walker
- 3 Apologies – Rex Mitchell
- 4 New Members applications – Graham McMahon, Daniel Dawson, James, Oscar & Ruby Dawson were all accepted as members.
- 5 Visitors – None
- 6 Confirm the minutes of the previous Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – As per the January 2025 Newsletter

Moved : Secretary    Seconded: Brian Adams    Carried:

### 7 Business arising from the previous minutes –

- 7.1 Bendigo Bank inquiry with Tax office- It was decided to let this slide as it is becoming complicated.
- 7.2 Dave Lewis is now a HMI FW25 – Congratulations. We now have 3 HMI's in the Club.
- 7.3 Defibrillator Battery was replaced at around \$94 – Pads are due for replacement 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 Out & In email to Cr Gibson about the Blackberries in the Hovercraft area & in front of the Cadets. The Council did get the blackberries sprayed between the Caravan Park & our gate but the Hovercraft area was not done.
- 8.4 Emails In & Out with Ambulance Vic with updated details on our Defibrillator
- 8.5 Email from Consumer affairs re: new registration system coming soon.
- 8.6 Emails notifying of Community Grants – It was decided to go for a Grant in July so suggestions are needed before then.
- 8.7 Phone call to and from the Police regarding the break-in at the Cadets
- 8.8 Email to & from the Navy Cadets re: the break-in
- 8.9 email from Council - LN Acoustic Report
- 8.10 phone calls to organize a Loo pump out for LN – should be done tomorrow. (and it was)

Moved : Secretary    Seconded: Ian P    Carried:

### 9 Treasurer – As supplied

1-01-2025 Starting Balance \$  
Income \$  
Expenses \$  
31-01-2024 Balance \$

Comm Bank TD \$ (this investment was renewed on 10-7-24 for 1 year @ 4.60% )  
Bendigo Bank TD \$ (this investment was renewed on 26-3-24 for 1 year @ 4.00% )  
Total Investments \$  
**Grand Total \$**

Moved : Treasurer    Seconded: Ivan W    Carried:

- 10 2024-2025 Membership at 5-01-25 . +5 - 26 Seniors, 11 Pensioners, 5 Junior, 3 Life, 3 Associate = 48 financial members
- 11 Lake Narracan Advisory Committee: - nothing at this stage
- 12 Relocation Update: - Sound test results were emailed out to the committee. It didn't tell us anything that we didn't already know.
- 13 Flight Proficiency – none
- 14 Safety – 1 Snakes & appropriate clothing - always take a phone if you have to go out into the paddock for any reason. Wear appropriate clothing and shoes.  
2 Watch your speed on our dirt track. Some members and visitors are driving too fast. 10km when passing walkers, dogs or cyclists. Nothing over 40Kmh on the dirt.

### 15 GENERAL BUSINESS

- 15.1 Junior Fees – in line with the VMAA it was decided that we would not charge Juniors a "Club fee" in their first year and we would give Junior members a Club Cap & some Club stickers for free.
- 15.2 Community Grants – It was decided that we should get a submission ready for the July Round of Grants. If you have an idea for a grant purchase, please let a Committee Member know.
- 15.3 HEMS 1 helicopter – a reminder that if the Helicopter is over the Lake not to fly. Lately they have only been giving us notice on the day so members could already be out there and not receiving emails or texts.
- 15.4 No More Cadets – They have moved out. Not sure if anything was stolen in the recent break in.
- 15.5 Event starting times – It was agreed that our events should start at 10.00am instead of 11.00am in the hotter months and 11.00am in the Colder Months, because of the heat & wind
- 15.6 Western entry- people have been pushing the barricade aside and driving in to fish. Council put that stupid triangle in the roadway but from our perspective it's not suitable. Wayne to speak to the council to see if that can put up a proper gate. There was discussion on us supplying a gate or using that gate in the middle of the track. More investigation needed at this stage.



- 15.7 The donated \$50 Bunnings Voucher was purchased by Wayne and the cash transferred to the club account.
- 15.8 Bunnings let Godwin know that they had dates available if we want to do a Sausage Sizzle. There was some discussion on whether it was worth it or not. The Club does make good money out of it but we haven't had one visitor to Lake Narracan from the display. Volunteers are needed.
- 15.9 It was agreed that we would have a Sausage sizzle or Hotdog lunch on Club Event days as well as the Club Flydays, as long as we can get someone to do it. It was also suggested that one free soft drink should also be supplied for club members on these days.
- 15.10 It was suggested that Committee Members should have a reduction in fees and that was left for the AGM.
- 15.11 It was suggested that we should have our midyear & end of year Socials somewhere where we can socialize more. Please feel free to make a suggestion if you want.
- 15.12 Some members would like to see some work done on our strip. \$1200 for some sand & dirt filling, \$14000 to make the concrete runway twice as long and twice as wide. It was pointed out that we have to move in the future and the cost couldn't be justified.
- 15.12 There is no movement on new sites but a couple of Club Members are still making inquiries.
- 15.13 Brian thanks the members that organize and run the Club Events. Everyone at the meeting agreed.

- 16 BENT WHEEL AWARD – 1 Chris – Cessna – went into the drain and broke, was repaired and went off the air and broke again  
 2 Rex -stalled his Mig EDF jet  
 3 Jamie S – Walrus – did not check servo operation and one wasn't working. It crashed into the middle of Wayne's trailer on takeoff.  
 4 Ivan – Hustler was doing funny things and crashed.  
 5 Mick – Sputnik had been repaired and may have broken in that area.

### **Congratulations Jamie Sjamsudin**

- 17 BOMB AWARD - 1 Glen – forgot Tx & batteries  
 2 Ian P – forgot Tx,  
 3 Jamie – didn't check servo operation and crashed his Walrus & SPAD.  
 4 Lofty – flying the wrong Combat Model whilst his crashed

### **Congratulations Stephen Loft**

- 18 SHOW & TELL – 1 Godwin showed his scratch built “Wayfarer Biplane” It has a .91 4stroke engine. I think there are 4 members building Wayfarers.  
 2 Ian P had a set of large Cirrus wing to give away.

19 CONFIRM PROGRAM - CCMT 16<sup>th</sup> February, BADMAC Scale Action event 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> March, Combat Cup 16<sup>th</sup> March

20 Next meeting will be a General Meeting and which will be on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at the Moe RSL meeting room

21 Meeting Closed at : 8.45pm



Above – Godwin & his Wayfarer. Yet to be flown !

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

I didn't even charge any batteries because of the wind forecast and of course I didn't go to Lake Narracan. The wind at 9.00am was very gusty with a 20kmh, gusting to 39kmh, Easterly wind. Not nice for flying. There may have been a few members in attendance but I don't think too much flying would have happened on this day.

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### Combat Classic Event 1 – Sunday February 2nd 2025

On a fine and sunny day with a light Easterly wind, this was one of the best Combat Events yet. 9 starters which is the most that we have ever had for a Combat Event. It was Craig's first attempt at Combat and he enjoyed the event as did everyone else. There were 7 Combat SPADS and 2 of the traditional combat models and although there were a few touches in the Combat, there were no broken models at the end of the 4 rounds.

Round 1 saw Wayne, Jamie, Godwin and Ian get cuts with Lofty, Craig, Brian & Godwin losing their streamers. Dave missed the round as he couldn't get his ASP.15 motor started.

Round 2 saw Wayne, Brian, Craig & Godwin get cuts with Brian, James losing streamers. Dave missed this round also.

Round 3 saw Wayne, Dave, Craig & Godwin get cuts. Wayne, Lofty, Brian, Jamie & Dave all lost streamers

Round 4 saw Brian get 2 cuts & James got 1 cut. Dave, Craig & Wayne lost their streamers

**Thanks to Mick and the others that assisted with the Scoring & timekeeping and to Fred for looking after the Sausage Sizzle lunch**

**Event 1 results for the best 3 rounds are below. 15 cuts overall on the day which is amazing.**

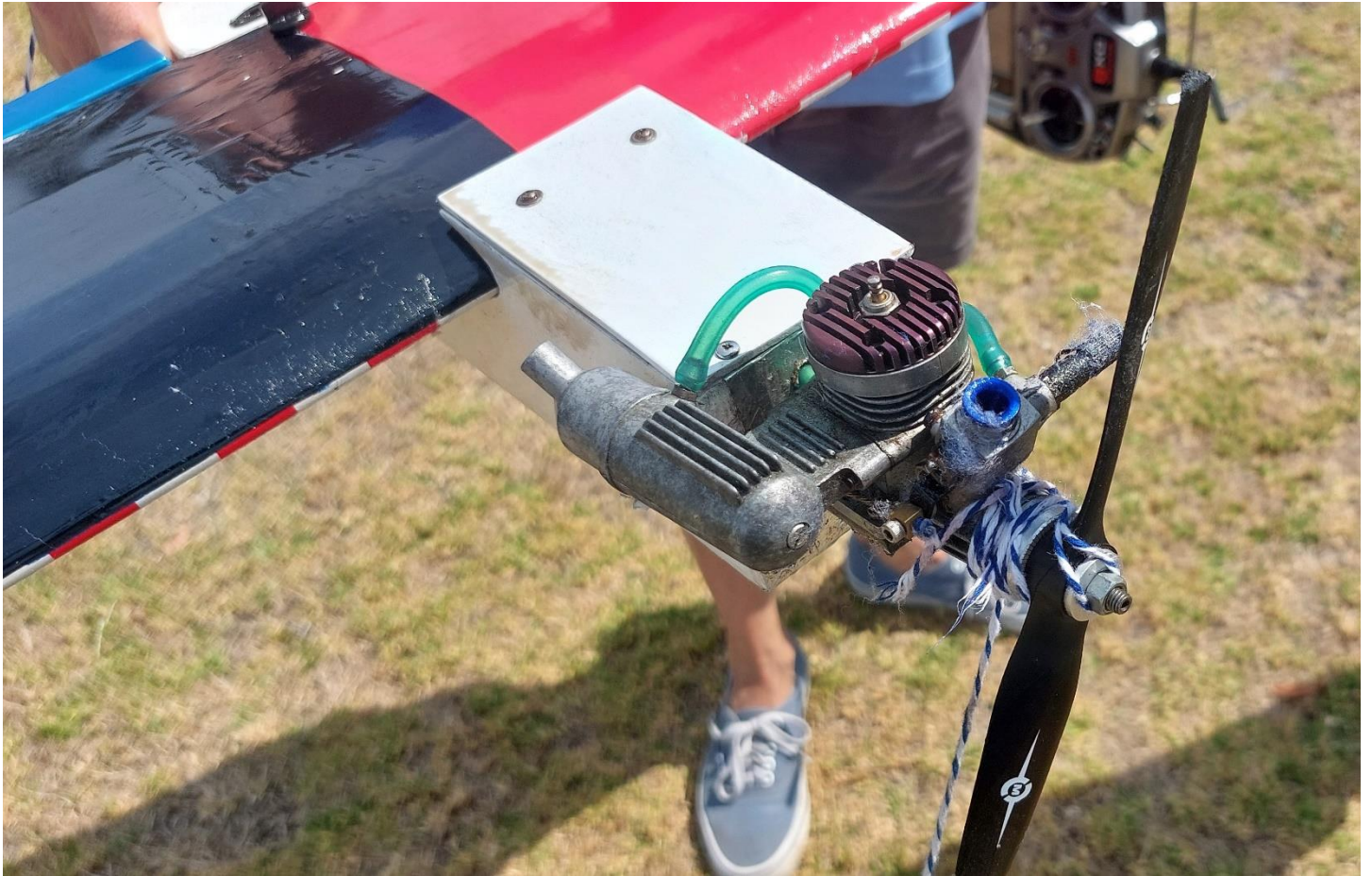
|        | full Time | cuts | full streamer | score |
|--------|-----------|------|---------------|-------|
| Wayne  | 4         | 3    | 2             | 850   |
| Godwin | 3         | 3    | 3             | 850   |
| Craig  | 4         | 2    | 2             | 800   |
| Ian P  | 4         | 1    | 3             | 800   |
| James  | 4         | 1    | 3             | 800   |
| Brian  | 4         | 3    | 1             | 800   |
| Jamie  | 4         | 1    | 1             | 800   |
| Lofty  | 4         | 0    | 2             | 700   |
| Dave   | 1         | 1    | 0             | 550   |

**Event 2 is run in conjunction with the Combat which is on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March**



Above – Combat Flyers - James, Craig, Dave, Godwin, Brian, Lofty & Ian with Wayne & Jamie in front.





Above – Godwin's Combat model with all that string wrapped around the motor, it still ran



Above – Wayne's collection for the day



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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**

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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Glen Neal finally got his large P40 Warhawk certified.





Above -Fred was making sure Doug could hear his instructions

**Don't forget the Combat Cup will be on  
Sunday March 16<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am  
if the weather is suitable**



Above – the entrance at the Western end. We had to put in a new post as the old one had rotted off at the bottom and some fishermen were pulling the fence aside and driving into our area.

Thanks to those that assisted on that miserable morning. Wayne, Ivan, Godwin, Fred & Doug



# 2025 Combat Cup

|  |           |         |         |         |         |          |
|--|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
| One Minute Flight<br>200 points minus<br>10 points per Sec variation   | Time      | Score   |         |         | Total   |          |
|  |           |         |         |         |         |          |
| Loops & Rolls<br>200 for quickest minus 10 for each down<br>in order   | Time      | Score   |         |         | Total   |          |
|  |           |         |         |         |         |          |
| 10 sec Inverted Flight<br>200 minus 10 points per half second out.   | Time      | Score   |         |         | Total   |          |
|  |           |         |         |         |         |          |
| Spot Landing<br>Engine to be stopped on the downwind<br>leg.<br>200 points minus 10 points per metre<br>out. | variation | score   |         |         | Total   |          |
|  |           |         |         |         |         |          |
|  |           |         |         |         | Above   | Totals = |
| Best 3 out of 4<br>Time 180 or 200<br>Cuts 50 per cut<br>Full streamer 50<br>Totals                          | ROUND 1   | ROUND 2 | ROUND 3 | ROUND 4 |         |          |
|  |           |         |         |         |         |          |
|  |           |         |         |         |         |          |
|  |           |         |         |         |         |          |
|  |           |         |         |         | Combat  |          |
|  |           |         |         |         | Total = |          |

**The grass in the paddocks is thinning out but if you crash in the paddocks, remember to get a line on where it is before walking off and make sure you wear appropriate clothing when venturing into the paddocks. Thongs and shorts don't really mix with "snakes." It look like the grass is not going to be cut and Baled this year as there are cows in the paddocks at present.**

**Also make sure you have a phone with you so that you can make or receive a call.**

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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>

(read in conjunction with the MAAA Bronze, Silver & gold Wings Sheet as there are maneuvers that we do not do, included in this pdf )



# Warning on Charging<sup>10</sup> Lipo Batteries

We have had 2 members having Lipo fires this month.

One member charged a 4S battery and then tried to charge a 3S battery on the same settings....without the balance lead plugged in. Luckily he found it when it was smoking and lost the battery and had a model suffered superficial damage. Lucky !!!

The other member had a fire in his garage and lost 8 models, several batteries, a good charger & more, including electrical damage to his house. The concerning thing is that he had no batteries on charge at the time and his batteries were all reasonably new so this is a mystery.

You should have a smoke detector over your charging area and always have the balance plug plugged in, even if you are not doing a balanced charge.

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## Jump Starter Free

12v Power Pack. New Lithium motor bike battery fitted a couple of years ago. Two 'cigarette lighter' sockets and light. Works ok and comes with 240v charger.

Contact Roy 0417 562014.



## Thanks to Godwin

for welding up the broken pipework at the main gate and to Fred for supplying the Generator.





# **BAIRNSDALE ACTION ALL SCALE RALLY**

**Bairnsdale Model Aero Club  
8 - 9 March, 2025**



**\$25 entry fee per pilot**

**\$10 camping per night**

**Catering onsite**

**Public entry gold coin donation**

## **Pilot's choice - Civilian & Military**

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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. We will discuss at the next meeting.



## Agenda for the March 2025 General Meeting

### To be held at the MOE RSL at 7.30pm on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025

- 1 Meeting Opened at :
- 2 Present –
- 3 Apologies –
- 4 New Members applications – c
- 5 Visitors –
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Moved : Secretary      Seconded      Carried:

- 7 Business arising from the previous minutes –

- 7.1 Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
- 7.2
- 7.3

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- 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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Moved : Secretary      Seconded:      Carried:

- 9 Treasurer – As supplied

1-01-2025 Starting Balance \$ 7080.01  
Income \$ 62 .00  
Expenses \$ 334.87  
31-01-2024 Balance \$ 6807.14

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 \$66009.90**

Moved : Treasurer      Seconded:      Carried:

- 10 2024-2025 Membership at 5-01-25 – +5 - 26 Seniors, 11 Pensioners, 5 Junior, 3 Life, 3 Associate = 48 financial members
- 11 Lake Narracan Advisory Committee: - early December some contractors checked out the blackberries to do a quote
- 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

- 15.1 Defibrillator Pads
- 15.2 Cub Cadet Mower 150hr service has been done
- 15.3 CCMT – who is going in it ?
- 15.4 Firewood working bee
- 15.5 Height limit
- 15.6 Others

- 16 BENT WHEEL AWARD – Ivan - Stick, Ian - Stik

- 17 BOMB AWARD

- 18 SHOW & TELL –

- 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

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- 21 Meeting Closed at :





Above – a good roll up on one of those hot days

**Don't forget to Slip, Slop & Slap  
and seek shade**

**During the Summer period**

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**No flying when the Ambulance Helicopter  
is over Lake Narracan.  
They could show up 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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