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MAAA website is at www.maaa.asn.au

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

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



Paul Mitchell's Fokker D7

SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 28	General flying at all sites
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 1	Monthly Meeting at the Moe RSL meeting room – 7.30pm start
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 5	Club Flyday at LAKE NARRACAN (Daylight Savings starts – clocks forward 1 hour)
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 12	General flying at all sites.
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 19	General flying at all sites – & Combat Classic Event 4 at 11.00am
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 26	General flying at all sites – Combat Classic Event 4 backup day
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 2	General flying at all sites
SUN to TUE	NOVEMBER 2 to 4	Warbirds over Bairnsdale (Melbourne Cup weekend)
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 ???
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 30	General flying at all sites -

President's Report



Well another month passes and into the Spring wind and rain we go, it seems like only yesterday that I did my last Presidents report and sadly there isn't much to be said, Craig McMahon, James Morfitt and myself recently attended the bunnings father's day event which although may or may not get us any new members we see it as a great way to show the public we are out there and what our hobby entails. Its always amazing to see how much engagement we get at these events and its great just standing around telling others what we love about this great hobby. As you would have all noticed I haven't been at the field much lately, between trips away and poor weather it certainly has been hard to get a day out at the field.

Anyway that's all from me, hopefully the Thursdays have been nicer for you retired folks and I will get there one day!

Jamie McLaughlin

Thanks to those that assisted at our Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Day on Saturday 30th September. It wasn't the best of days weatherwise, with some drizzle and wind throughout the day, and the Club made a profit of \$743.75 on the day which was much better than expected considering the weather.



Above - Godwin & Craig very early in the day at Bunnings

Minutes for September 2025 General Meeting held at the MOE RSL at 7.30pm Wednesday 3rd September 2025

1 Meeting opened at: 7:33pm

2 Present: 11 members – Craig McMahon, David Thieddeman, Jamie McLaughlin, Godwin Bugeja, Wayne Lewis, Fred Barabasz, Brian Adams, Ian Partleton, Ivan Walker, Mick Dye, Stephen Loft.

3 Apologies: Rex Mitchell, Paul Mitchell, Bill Reid, Chris Davenport

4 Visitors: None

5 New member applications: None

6 Confirm the minutes of the previous meeting held on 6th August 2025.

Moved: Secretary

Seconded: Brian Adams

7 Business arising from the previous minutes

- 7.1 The Bunnings Sausage Sizzle was successful. \$736.75 profit with some drinks & sausages left over. Thanks to everyone involved.
- 7.2 Toilet repair – a new toilet has been sourced and installed. Thanks Mick! It was suggested that it will need to be secured somehow before it blows over.
It was also decided that the grey one should be repaired so we have 2 working toilets. Godwin has said that he will repair it after his holidays.
The other one will need to be disposed of.

8 Correspondence In & Out and Business arising from Correspondence

- 8.1 Out: The Newsletter was sent out to members as well as put on the website and Facebook page. VMAA & various others.
- 8.2 In: VMAA minutes
- 8.3 Sympathy Card to Pam Jowett for the loss of Doug
- 8.4 Sympathy Card to Fred Barabasz for the loss of his mum
- 8.5 It was highlighted the importance of NOT flying in unfavorable conditions, in addition to being aware of what is put on social media. This comes as the VMAA highlighted in their latest news email that, due to a recent breach, a club had to provide an explanation to CASA.
Please check and familiarize yourself with this VMAA news email. If unable to do so, please reach out to the Club Secretary to obtain a copy.

Moved: Secretary

Seconded: Jamie McLaughlin

9 Treasurer's report

Starting balance [date]	\$
Income	\$
Expenses	\$
Closing balance	\$

Comm Bank TD (this investment was renewed on 10-7-25 for 1 year @ 3.50%)	\$
Bendigo Bank TD \$ (this investment was renewed on 26-9-24 for 1 year @ 4.40%)	\$
Grand total	\$

Moved: Treasurer

Seconded: Ian Partleton

10 Current Membership: An additional 2 members for this month. That brings the total membership to 43:

- 26 Seniors
- 12 Pensioners
- 3 Life
- 2 Juniors

11 Lake Narracan Advisory Committee: Godwin and Mick attended the latest meeting.

12 Relocation update & Sub-committee report:

Mick presented the following information:

- 12.1 The Council could potentially have \$660k remaining for LVMAC and the Hovercraft club to merge.
- 12.2 Buying a block of land for the club will be the absolute last resort, but will come at significant cost and conditions.
- 12.3 Toners Lane in Morwell is still the Council's best option for the club.
- 12.4 There are potential options at Hazelwood, however the land will need to be assessed for viability before we proceed any further. Jamie M is in contact with Hazelwood.
- 12.5 It was suggested that we could potentially get the local newspaper to run an article on the club. No ownership of this idea was agreed upon at this stage.

13 Flight proficiency: None

14 Safety: No incidents reported at our club this past month, however please be mindful of what was highlighted in the VMAA News.

15 GENERAL BUSINESS

- 15.1 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 considering current circumstances, all members present decided to keep things as they are.
- 15.2 There was potential for the club email address to change, however it was decided that would not be needed as technical support was involved and this has now been sorted, albeit with some teething issues.
- 15.3 An idea was put forward to have a Remembrance Day for Doug, potentially in November. Several ideas were suggested including fun flights such as limbo, or even an all-in Bixler flight. No decision was made at this stage.
- 15.4 Some models will be donated to the club from a deceased estate in Tanjil South. It was suggested that these models be part of an auction (something the club used to do regularly, but has not in some time) with proceeds going towards the club. Wayne will pick these up at some stage of the coming weeks.
- 15.5 The current website has an annual renewal of \$294 due 11th September. All members present agreed to this renewal.
- 15.6 Craig has filled out an online form with the VMAA to get a professionally designed brochure made for the club. The VMAA will financially support clubs who wish to get brochures printed, up to the value of \$200. As of the meeting, the club is still waiting for the brochure to be designed.
- 15.7 Craig brought up that a 'Come Try Day' needs to be held if the club wants to attract new members. He has watched the seminars that the VMAA organized earlier in the year and stated to members that there are options available to restrict the quantity of participants so club Instructors are not overburdened during the event. A paid Facebook marketing campaign will also be utilized. In addition, the VMAA will help support the club to purchase new RTF Apprentices at \$250 each once we run a 'Come Try Day'. He suggested potential dates in mid-October; however other members present suggested that the club run a 'Come Try Day' during November. Craig will converse with club Instructors to finalize a date.

16 Bent wheel award nominations

- 16.1 Craig for the Duantless – Craig suspected that the left aileron came loose on take-off and the model significantly rolled to the left, tumbled and then broke in 2. It has since been repaired and waiting for its maiden.
- 16.2 Godwin for the Survivor – Godwin checked all flight controls before taxi out and upon take-off, the model continued to climb uncontrollably until it stalled. He was using an Orange branded receiver.

Congratulations Godwin

17 Bomb award nominations:

- 17.1 Jamie Sjamsudin forgot to bring his Transmitter.

Congratulations Jamie

18 Show & tell:

- 18.1 Fred brought in the fuselage of his scratch-built GeeBee 3. The model will house his new radial engine.

19 Confirm upcoming program:

- 19.1 September 14th will be a Slope Day at No Pine.
- 19.2 October 19th will be the final round of the Combat Classic. Bring your A-game everyone!

20 Next meeting will be a General Meeting on Wednesday 1st October at 7.30pm at the Moe RSL meeting room.

21 Meeting Closed at: 8:59pm



Above & below – Fred's large GeeBee 3



Bunnings Fathers Day Event

On the evening of September 4, 2025, club members Craig, Jamie, and James proudly represented the LaTrobe Valley Model Aero Club at the Morwell Bunnings Father's Day event. The team put together a display of model aircraft, which drew plenty of interest from passers-by.

Adding to the attraction was a Real Flight Simulator running on Craig's laptop, giving people of all ages the chance to experience the thrill of flying in a safe and fun way. The simulator proved to be a real crowd-pleaser, with many keen participants stepping up to try their hand at piloting. While encouraging new members was certainly a highlight, the evening was just as much about raising the club's profile and sharing the enjoyment of model aeronautics with the wider community. The event was a great success in showcasing what our club is all about.

Bunnings will be hosting another community event near Christmas, and it would be great to see our club involved again.



Above & below – the Fathers Day evening display



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

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 to always keep an eye on your Charging Lipo's

Club Flyday at Lake Narracan (Sunday 7th September 2025)

It was Fathers Day and there was a roll up of 12 members to fly on this very grey and overcast morning. The wind was light and changeable and the take of direction was changed several times throughout the morning as the windsock was all over the place until around 11.00am when a strong and gusty Northerly came in and then there was no more flying. By 11.30 we had departed.

Will McLauchlan had a trailer full but had some transmitter issues and flew the Sparkie, Bixler 3 & Drifter. The Turbo Timber had a prop problem, The V900 racer had a Transmitter problem so they didn't get to fly. Will also tried to get his Dad Owen on the buddy box sticks with the Bixler, but there was a problem with the transmitters not being in sync so that didn't work out on this occasion.

Wayne Lewis had a the usual collection for the day and flew the Boomerang V3, Teksumo Wing, P40 Kittyhawk and the SPAD 40.

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

Jamie Sjamsidin flew his RA RA after Paul M trimmed it and unfortunately on his 3rd flight he ran out of battery and landed in the paddock. Only damage was a broken undercarriage. 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.

Craig McMahon flew his Hawk EDF jet and his Douglas Dauntless. Unfortunately, on the third flight, the recently repaired Dauntless crashed on takeoff.

Rex Mitchell flew his Cessna and the P40 Warhawk and was honing around with an RC Buggy.

Paul Mitchell flew his FunCub and also flew Dads P40 Warhawk.

Ian Partleton flew his latest 35cc model, an Extra 300 which the petrol motor has and inbuilt electric starter.

Mick Dye flew his 2 Nitro powered Sputnicks and all went well on this day.

Fred Barabasz flew an Electric Lazer.

Godwin Bugjea flew a Combat Model and a Fred Ultra Stick.



Above - A view of the pits on the Club Flyday



Above - Wayne had an emergency landing with his P40 Kittyhawk as Will had just landed his Sparkie, and this is how the models ended up – luckily no damage to either model.

FREE First Aid Course

Can you please help me to share the below information and attached flyer regarding FREE First Aid and CPR courses to your community group and to your networks? At this stage, we are allowing a maximum of two registrations per group/organisation. Noting, the participants need to be able to do a minimum of two minutes CPR on the ground to be able to pass the course.

There are two days with different options for how the training is delivered. The Friday 10 October option is fully face to face and participants can choose to register for CPR or First Aid. The CPR is 9am-11am and the First Aid is 9am-4.30pm. The Wednesday 29 October option requires an online component to be completed prior to attending and there is the option to do CPR or First Aid. CPR is 6pm-6.45pm and First Aid is 6pm-8pm. All sessions will be held at Latrobe City Council HQ, 141 Commercial Road, Morwell.

Bookings can be made through this link: <https://latrobecccommunity-aps.trainingdesk.com.au/enrol>.

If you require any further information, I can be contacted on 0437 991 194 or via email rebecca.fenton@latrobe.vic.gov.au

Combat Classic Event after 3 events. I more event to go on **Sunday 19th October 2025**

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

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



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Note - Nitro Fuel price has increased

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.

<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)

Agenda for October 2025 General Meeting to be held at the MOE RSL at 7.30pm Wednesday 1st October 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:

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

Moved: Secretary

Seconded:

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 member 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. Bring models that you have from Doug and any Bixlers
- 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 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:

9 Treasurer's report : Bendigo Bank investment has been renewed for 7 Months @ 3.8%

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Expenses	\$
Closing balance	\$

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Bendigo Bank TD \$ (this investment was renewed on 26-9-25 for 7 months @ 3.80%)	\$
Investment total	\$
Grand Total	\$

Moved: Treasurer

Seconded:

10 Current Membership: at 26-9-25 is 43 the Financial Membership was 26 Seniors, 12 Pensioners, 3 Life, 2 Junior,

11 Lake Narracan Advisory Committee:

12 Relocation update & Sub-committee report:

13 Flight proficiency: Craig has expressed interest in becoming an Instructor, as per email sent 17SEP25.

14 Safety: No incidents reported

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 money collected from the recent Bunnings sausage sizzle help fund this?
- 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.
- 15.3 Club auction and 'Come Try Day'. Can these be integrated into the one day sometime in November?
- 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.
- 15.6 Club displays at Bunnings events. If the Club is going to do these regularly, can we alternate between Traralgon and Morwell?
- 15.7 Club Christmas Lunch –
- 15.8 Others

16 Bent wheel award nominations

- 1 Ivan Walker - Jackaroo

17 Bomb award nominations:

- 1

18 Show & tell:

19 Confirm upcoming program:

20 Next meeting: General Meeting on Wednesday 5th November 2025 at 7.30pm at the Moe RSL meeting room.

21 Meeting Closed at: [time]

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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