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## May 2025

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



Above – Fred has a new Large Model . It's the Extreme Flight “Peregrine” and has a 70cc DA engine

Below is a link to the model being flown by a very talented Pilot – 3.44 minutes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Au6Be9lbLXA&t=19s>



SATURDAY	MAY 3	“ELECTION DAY” & firewood collection day
SUNDAY	MAY 4	General flying at all sites – <b>Combat Cup Backup Day at 10.00am</b>
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 <b>CCMT backup day</b>
SUNDAY	JUNE 1	Club Flyday at LAKE NARRACAN.
WEDNESDAY	JUNE 4	Monthly Meeting at the Moe RSL meeting room – 7.30pm start
<b>SAT/MON</b>	<b>JUN 7/8/9</b>	<b>KING S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND....</b> Various Events see VMAA calendar
SUNDAY	JUNE 8	Club Flyday at LAKE NARRACAN.
SUNDAY	JUNE 15	<b>Slope Day at No Pine &amp; General flying at all sites</b>
SUNDAY	JUNE 22	General flying at all sites & <b>Combat Classic Event 3 at 11.00am</b>
SUNDAY	JUNE 29	General flying at all sites

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From the President...

Hi all

I have made it out to the field a couple of times this month and we have had a good run of weather apart from the Club Flyday and generally conditions are always better in Autumn with cooler nights and warm days. Our field is in good order and is nice and green as we have some welcome rain recently. Fred is doing a great job on the mowing.

The housing development closest to the field is still 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. Below is the current plan for the development. It looks like Civil package 3 is what they are preparing now.

You won't see me around for a while as I am having shoulder surgery but I will be keeping in contact with what is happening. Keep Safe and enjoy your flying.

Bill Reid



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

1 Meeting Opened at : 7.30pm

2 Present – Bill Reid, Craig McMahon, Jamie McLaughlin, Stephen Loft, Ian Partleton, Ivan Walker, Mick Dye, Chris Davenport, Fred Barabasz & Ollie Wilson

3 Apologies – Godwin Bugeja, Ash Bence, Ian Heafield, Wayne Lewis, Brian Adams

4 Visitors – Anthony Wilson

5 New Members applications – none

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

Moved : Secretary

Seconded: Ian P

Carried: Yes

7 Business arising from the previous minutes –

7.1 Bunnings Sausage Sizzle – date still to be set

7.2 Height Limits – Secretary looking into it.

7.3 New Defibrillator Pads have arrived and are in the Container.

7.4 Firewood working bee is to be on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Secretary to send out a reminder.

8 Correspondence In & Out and Business arising from Correspondence

8.1 Out - Newsletter to members, VMAA & various others

8.2 In - VMAA Minutes

Moved : Secretary

Seconded: Mick D

Carried: yes

9 Treasurer – Mick gave the report as supplied by Godwin - 1-03-2025 Starting Balance \$

Income \$

Expenses \$

31-03-2025 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: Ian P

Carried: yes

10 2024-2025 Membership at 1-04-25 - 26 Seniors, 11 Pensioners, 5 Juniors, 3 Life & 3 Associate = 48 financial members

11 Lake Narracan Advisory Committee: - Track needs grading and Blackberries in the old Hovercraft area need attention.

12 Relocation Update: - Yallourn Power Station Extension may change the Councils Toners Lane Plans.

13 Flight Proficiency – a couple of members are practicing.

14 Safety –

15 GENERAL BUSINESS

15.1 Cr Gibson requested someone to go on her FM Radio segment – Craig McMahon put his hand up.

15.2 A suggestion on future Club Development was discussed and it was suggested that the club undertake a digital Survey to get a feel for what members want out of the club – Craig to organize.

15.3 European Wasps are around the Lake Narracan site. We have the poison but need to find the nest.

15.5 Bunnings have an Easter & Mothers Day Family Night. It was agreed to do a display at the Mothers Day event on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May. (6pm to 8pm)

15.5 Craig requested a key to the main container – Chris D gave his key to Craig.

16 BENT WHEEL AWARD –

Wayne – MXS wing broke apart in flight.

Ivan – Stik went off the air.

Jamie S -Walrus – one aileron wasn't working.

Mick – Ultimate Biplane – hit the fence.

Craig – Crashed his Futura Jet after a repaint – may have been tail heavy

**Mick Dye is the Lucky recipient of this prestigious award.**

17 BOMB AWARD - No nominations

18 SHOW & TELL – Daylight savings ends Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April – clocks back 1 hour Craig shower his F14 stabilizer

19 CONFIRM PROGRAM - April 13<sup>th</sup> – CCMT backup day, Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Anzac Day, April 27<sup>th</sup> Warbirds & Military Day  
Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup> Combat Cup Backup day

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 : 8.23pm

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  
and have a smoke detector above where you charge them.**

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### **Club Flyday at Lake Narracan (Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025)**

It was a cool, fine and sunny day, but very windy morning with the wind at 9.30am gusting to 50Kmh. I doubt that anyone was there on this day when Daylight Savings ended. The gusts were up to 61Kmh during the rest of the day.

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**Fees will soon be due. The MAAA usually has a meeting in May and the fees are set for the year. Just keep it in mind if you are living on a budget !**

**Safety** – Just a reminder that we have had a couple of incidents of propellor strikes this month so make sure you always have your model restrained or someone holding it when starting and use your “Kill Switch” on your electric models.



Wayne's Injury





## Combat Cup Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May and Event 2 of the Combat Classic

Hopefully we can get it done this coming Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May !

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

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## CCMT

**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 25<sup>th</sup> May is set as the current backup day.**

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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](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 )



***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.***

### **Warbirds & Military day. (Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April)**

Things were not looking good for this event with light drizzle in Morwell but I still drove out to Lake Narracan at 8.30am, hoping it would be different. It drizzled all the way to the top of the hill and then stopped and although there was thick cloud all day, it didn't rain again. There was no wind to speak of and it turned out to be a really great day. Ivan had arranged for the Toners Lane Car Club to pay us a visit and that worked out well with around 35 spectators who got to see some very nice models flying.

**Craig McMahon** had his F14 Tomcat, his P51 Mustang and his T28 Trojan and had numerous flights. Unfortunately, on the second flight, the F14 landed out in the paddock and damaged the undercarriage.

**Stephen Loft** flew his Corsair.

**Brian Adams** had 2 Corsairs, an Electric and a Nitro and a P51 Mustang. The nitro one did not get to fly.

**Wayne Lewis** flew the Typhoon and his P51 Mustang and the Hawk EDF lost one undercarriage on takeoff so it didn't fly on this day.

**James Morfitt** flew his F86 Sabre and his F7F Tigercat.

**Rex Mitchell** flew his P51 Mustang

**Ian Partleton** had a large Spitfire which didn't get off the ground and suffered a broken undercarriage leg. Ian also had a large Corsair but it wasn't flown on this day.

**Glen Neal** had a large 35cc powered Spitfire which he flew quite scale like and that impressed the crowd.

There was also plenty of general flying from all members. Fred organized Hot Dogs for lunch and they went down well. Thanks Fred.



Above – James Morfitt's F86 Sabre & F7F Tigercat





Above – Wayne’s Typhoon, P51 Mustang & Hawk EDF



Above – Craig’s T28 Trojan





Above – Craig’s F14 Tomcat



Above - Lots of Cars and spectators when the Car Club turned up on the Warbirds day





Above – Craig has a new Jet – The FMS BAE Hawk –80mm Fan, 100Amp ESC, 6S Battery – Fly's very well & sounds great

**Note - Nitro Fuel price has increased**

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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.

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## Have you done the Club Survey yet ?



Rex has had this nice scratch built "Jungmeister" for some years but it didn't make it home in one piece on this day. Paul's postmortem revealed a failed elevator servo (stripped teeth) caused it to hit the deck.



***Our Firewood collection Day is coming up on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May so if you have a chainsaw or can assist please come along and help out. The cold weather is not too far away I'm sure. Anthony has already cut some for us so thanks Anthony.***





On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April Ivan rocked up to the Field and found the gate open and the lock box smashed. (left pic)

Lofty & Ivan have panel beaten the lock box back into shape (above pic) and Godwin welded it up.

Thanks guys. Good Job



Above – Jamie McLaughlin is flying this very nice Zeus Jet, running on a 90mm EDF  
You can buy a kit to convert this Foam Jet from the EDF motor to a Turbine.





# **BAIRNSDALE MID MAY MUSTER**

**Bairnsdale Model Aero Club  
24 - 25 May, 2025**



**\$25 entry fee per pilot**

**Catering onsite**

**\$10 camping per night**

**Public entry gold coin donation**

## **Big or Small, Bring Them All**

Get ready for an action-packed weekend at the Bairnsdale Mid-May Muster! Bring any RC model and enjoy an event dedicated to fun. Aim for the prestigious Pilot's Choice Award and try your luck in the raffle for a fantastic prize. Don't miss out, make it a weekend to remember!

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### **Field Location**

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Above - If the weather is good, it will be a great weekend  
Even if you don't go to fly, it's still worth attending to see what's happening in our Sport



## Agenda for the May 2025 General Meeting To be held at the MOE RSL at 7.30pm on Wednesday 7th May 2025

- 1 Meeting Opened at :
- 2 Present –
- 3 Apologies – Bill, Brian, Ash
- 4 Visitors
- 5 New Members applications –
- 6 Confirm the minutes of the previous Meeting held on 2nd April 2025 – As per the May 2025 Newsletter

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- 7 Business arising from the previous minutes –
  - 7.1 Bunnings Sausage Sizzle – date to be set & Mothers Day event Thursday 8th May
  - 7.2 Height Limits – read the last Wingspan
  - 7.3 Survey results -
  - 7.4 Firewood working bee – May 3rd

- 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

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- 9 Treasurer – As supplied
 

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- 11 Lake Narracan Advisory Committee: - early December some contractors checked out the blackberries to do a quote
- 12 Relocation Update: -
- 13 Flight Proficiency –
- 14 Safety – some propellor injuries
- 15 GENERAL BUSINESS
  - 15.1 Website Domain renewal (lvmac.org.au) \$43.55 for 2 years - Due before 4/6/25
  - 15.2 Council Grants
  - 15.3 Others

- 16 BENT WHEEL AWARD – Graham, Mick, Godwin , Craig, others

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- 21 Meeting Closed at :

**Anyone interested in attending any of these Grant Writing and Budgets Workshops**  
 Speak to Wayne for more info if you are interested. You need to book a spot.

**Wednesday, 18 June 2025**

1pm to 3pm Meeting Room 4 & 5,  
 Moe Library 1/29 George St, Moe. 3825

or 5.30pm to 7.30pm Latrobe City Council HQ  
 141 Commercial Rd. Morwell. 3840



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

**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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