# THE FREE FLIGHTER



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Roy, sending it!

Photo by Natalie Beckett

#### MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING 23RD MAY 2025

#### Meeting opened:

8.12pm Dundas Sports Club - President Michael Towell in the chair

#### **Present:**

Natalie Beckett, Michael Towell, Roy Summersby, Phil Warren, Steve Hughes, Gary Pope, John Pennells, Terry Bond, Gary Goodwin, Ed Mahoney, Angie Mahoney, Peter Scott, Gail Scott, Ray Harvey

#### **Apologies:**

Warren Leadbeatter, Reg Towell, Lyn Towell, Steve Rothwell, Andrew Linwood, Richard Jensen.

#### **Guests:**

Kate Rodwell.

#### Minutes of previous meeting:

Mover by John Pennels, Sec Gary Pope. Carried

#### **Business Arising:**

- Trans-Tasman Scale. Flyers have been advertised. Entry form now available and included with newsletter. F4A representative still need 1 flyer. Roy and Michael will represent. MAAA club assistance to been requested. 4 5 New Zealanders. Need more judges, about 1-2 people. Steve will be happy to do it.
- MAAA Free Flight Nationals. Program and entry form have been put out there. Dixielander set of rules for Nats will be out with bulletin. Bulletin out soon.
- NSW and VIC state champs for F1A, B, C next weekend. Plus open rubber/power and mini event. 9 entries. Michael raised that there has been some issues about when this event. Discussion about when to have the event. Michael motioned that it is the weekend before the long weekend. Gary second it and carried.
- End of year presentation at Michael and Natalie's House late Nov. Presentation for all state champs and overall point score. Date to be Saturday 22 nd Nov.
- Confirmed date for Cowra is 29 th to 31 st August.

#### **Correspondence out:**

Friday notices

Newsletter

ANSW Newsletter correspondence.

Wingspan magazine

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Tax Form

**BP Light Source** 

#### **Correspondence In:**

ANSW Newsletter correspondence.

MAAA

**BP Light Source** 

#### **Treasurers Report:**

1 st March – 30 th April 2025 presented by Roy Summersby Moved Gary Pope, Ed Mahoney Sec, Carried Copies available upon request

#### **General Business:**

- MAAA conference. Roy and Michael attended the conference. We have our money approved for the nationals. Fees
  went down \$15 dollars per year (seniors). MAAA has about 8200 members. West Wyalong photos were displayed. Talk
  about the field and hall of fame/library that is there. New people coming into MAAA had no idea about Hall of fame.
  When explained, they remembered their dad got it. Carl was very happy with what was happening. People are
  interested now to come and see the field now. Lots of new faces and all very keen.
- Fees for this year. Considering that MAAA Fee is \$15 less. \$125 were the fees last year. Moved Roy Summersby that fees for this year will be \$120 and Steve Hughes second. Carried.
- RAAF tower visit. Gary did report next newsletter. 10 people went to visit the tower. They can see people down there. Gary Pope mentioned his view on the tower, what a great expect it was.
- BP light source have paid the money owing to us. They will continue to pay every year, thereafter. Thank you to Steve Hughes for chasing this.
- Roy Summersby mentioned he has updated the AFFS and state champ trophies.
- Thank you to John Pennells for mopping the house and for the upkeep of the house.
- Terry mentioned road into the field in needs repairs. Just before going into the field and in the middle. Peter Scott raised the dust from the road. Discussed that we get the road repaired, Roy will contact someone to look into this. Also look into a grant.
- Peter Scott raised radio field under the shelter needs something. Discussion about what to put there. Roy will make enquires.
- 1930's Raise off water model, donated to Free Flight Society. At West Wyalong now. Mike is scanning all the photos and put on stick drive. The models were made will and still good condition considering the age.

#### Meeting closed 9.18 pm

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#### PRESIDENTS REPORT - JULY 2025

Well, this year has literally flown by with yet another busy couple of months. Starting with a trip to West Wyalong for the NSW and VIC State Champs for F1A,B,C and the Open Power and Rubber for NSW. We saw some world class flying in near perfect conditions with the second round 8min fly offs being made in B and C. Unfortunately no F1A flyers this year.

I also attended the CL State Champs at Whalan Reserve and flew in Slow Combat. After a first round loss, things could only get better. A few wins later only 2 were left, myself and Michael Comiskey, renowned top F2D flyer. I managed to get 2 cuts to his 1, but in all the excitement I zigged instead of zagged and landed early with a broken model. Very happy with my 2nd place effort.

The F1G,H,J State Champs in June were hotly contested at Richmond. It was good to see young Chris Birch back out flying his J, I managed the only full house of the morning. Everyone was a little too busy to pull an E36 out and that will be rescheduled for September, notifications will be sent out soon.

By now everyone should be paid up and financial. If not please do so ASAP, this will be your last Newsletter if not.

On that note, the NSWFFS has quite a few new members. Welcome to one and all, including the Western Sydney Model Aviators and The Scale Aviators. These 2 clubs joined us as a whole and we look forward to any feedback or input in the future.

I have already received the first few entries for the Free Flight Nats in October, entry forms and the program are already out and an official bulletin will be out in the coming weeks.

Speaking of West Wyalong, we would like a working bee or 2 in the coming months leading up to the Nationals. Dates that have been thrown around are August 16-17, September 27-28 and October 4-5. If these date suit, please contact Roy and let him know your availability. We all know that WW wouldn't be as great as it is without the hard work put in by volunteers over the years.

We have also put in a submission for some funding to the MAAA to help us with some patching and grading on the driveway and some concrete to help upgrade the RC area. Hopefully we will have some info about this by the meeting this week.

Our Scale weekend was a huge success, a special thank you must go to Phil Warren, Roy Summersby, our judges, our international guests, competitors, spectators and of course the MAAA. All this contributed to well over 40 FF and CL scale models judged and flown in what can be said as perfect weather.

We also saw the Mills Trophy Scramble back on the calendar after years in hibernation. Thank you to Graham Burgess as caretaker and bringing back.

Michael Towell,
President NSWFFS

#### **GENERAL NEWS & INFORMATION**

#### Next Meeting 18th July 2025

This will be a general meeting to be held at the Dundas Sports Club starting at 7.30pm. As normal some of us will have a meal there before the meeting, please feel free to join us.

#### Mid Winter Mini Maxout

To be held at West Wyalong 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> July – There will be a \$20 entry fee for as many events as you can fly. 5 flights for each class on each day, no rounds. So, dust off those 2min models and head out to West Wyalong for a relaxing weekend of flying.

#### 2025 Free Flight World Championships

Bruce Hao is Australia's only representative at the coming world championships this year. Bruce has been doing very well in F1B over the last few years and I am sure he will do us proud. Good luck Bruce, looking forward to seeing the photos of you on the podium.

#### **2025 Free Flight Nationals**

The MAAA 2025 FF Nats will be held on 17<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> October at West Wyalong. The Entry Forms and Schedule are now available and have been posted online and in this Newsletter. This is fast approaching, get your entry in!

#### **End of Year Presentation Dinner**

The End of year presentation at Michael and Natalie's House will take place on Saturday 22nd November. Save the date! Presentation for all State champs and best overall point scorers for the year.

#### **AB Field Update**

At the last meeting we were asked to get a quote on concrete under the RC shed area and repairing the road from the gate to the house. At this stage we have only been able to get one quote on the concrete and this is for \$18,300. This does include \$1000 for fill which I don't think we would need and \$990 for bob cat hire, again I don't think this would be required. Having the shade area concreated would certainly put a nice finish to the RC area.

We have spoken to several contractors re the road and we now have a quote for \$21,000 to grade the whole length from the gate to the house (approx. 1.73km) and fill in a few of the areas that need attention with road-base. This may end up being just grading the road and tidying up the edges which would be about \$10,000 or less.

It would be nice to have these works done before the nationals in October. Roy.

#### **MAAA** Membership renewals

Have you received your Card? Fees are now overdue. The MAAA year starts from 1<sup>st</sup> July and ends on the 30<sup>th</sup> June. If you haven't paid your fees you are unfinancial and shouldn't be flying on any MAAA field. Please don't let this happen, accidents can and do happen, we need all flyers to be covered.

The renewal process goes through a number of checks and balances from your club to the NSWFFS then on to the MAAA. Once everything is confirmed the MAAA which issues your card. If the anyone is slow in paying the state body your card will be delayed.

We know there are always some who say "I must get around to doing that", so please get around to it. It is also unfair on the committee members and registrars who process your renewal and payment. It takes time and we would like to get it all over and done with in the month of June so as not to drag the process on for several months... Thanks.

#### Rise off Water Seaplanes of Harry Tonkin from the 1930s

Part Two - The story of this was in our March edition (reprinted from the ANSW Newsletter February 2025)

The Trophy now resides in the MAAA Hall of fame container at the AB Field West Wyalong. Being 1934 it is the oldest trophy that we have stored there.

The model was passed on to Roy to see what he could do with it as far as restoring it. Not for flying but just because it has so much history behind it and was just too much to see it lost forever.

Roy has built a new stab and fin complete with bamboo tips, these were missing. He has repaired the fuselage and floats where needed, and covered the floats and flying surfaces with laminating film. The fuselage and floats have been painted silver as it was in 1934. The wires attaching the floats to the body was a bit of a guess as we didn't have any details on how this had been done.

It now looks the part and will sit in the container along with its trophy.









#### 2025 NSW & VIC State Championships

Report & Pics by Natalie Beckett

We had another fantastic weekend away at West Wyalong. The weather was unbelievable all weekend and some great flying was done. There were 16 of us altogether, with some people camping, some in the house and others in town.

Saturday was the NSW state champs for F1A, B and C. Beautiful morning with a lovely sunrise. As the sun rose it was incredible, not a cloud in the sky to be seen. Lift drift from the north, but a chilly 1 degree. So many were rugged up, trying to stay warm.

We had 5 flyers for F1B and F1C, unfortunately no F1A flyers this weekend. For F1B we had Terry Bond, Richard Blackham, Vin Morgan, Bruce Hao and Gary Goodwin. For F1C we had Warren Leadbeatter, Andrew Linwood, Roy Summersby, Murray Wilson and Gary Pope. The event CD was Michael Towell.





Round one started. With such good weather we decided to keep the first round a 4 min max. Richard was first in the air, easily maxing his first flight. All others followed suit. All max flights across the board for round one. Round two was another great start, wind did pick up a little and moved to the east. All maxed except Gary Pope, Gary had some trouble with launch and lost a lot of height, this caused his to drop his flight recording 156 secs.

We then decided to move the flight line. This delayed the start on round 3. Before round 3 started the wind had picked up even more and was quite chilly. By the beginning of round 3 the wind had dropped off back to a light drift and all flyers maxed out. Round 4 saw some flyers just making the 3 min max, Warren had 2 secs to spare. But for Terry he was unable to max getting 146 secs.

Then we had round 5 what a round it was, many flyers on the line waiting to launch. Then suddenly 6 flyers launched one after the other. 6 planes all in the air in great lift. Murray did fall out of the lift and still maxed with 10 secs to spare. Bruce launched, but something was not quite right, crashing to the ground. But for his second attempt managed to max his last flight.

This meant we had 4 in the flyoff for F1B and F1C.

We decided that the weather was so good, we had to have the flyoff at 4pm that afternoon. F1B went first for the flyoff. Bruce broke a motor while winding and only just managed to launch with 15secs spare. But then forgot to change DT setting from 3mins to 6mins. Bruce recording a time of 257 secs. Both Richard and Gary managed to max the first flyoff with 6mins. But Vin was down in 320 secs.

Then F1C flyoff was next. Roy had engine trouble and was unable to start. But the other 3 managed to get away. But by then the air was cooling down quickly. Andrew down in 258 secs, Murray in 288 secs and Warren in 307 secs. This meant Warren winning the NSW state champs for F1C.

We then decided to quickly finish the F1B flyoff this time 8min max. But Gary was unable to launch due to timing issues. Richard down in 282 secs, making him the winner for NSW state champs for F1B.

#### Results for NSW state champs.

F1B	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	FO1	FO2	TOTAL
1st Richard Blackham	240	180	180	180	180	360	282	1602
2nd Gary Goodwin	240	180	180	180	180	360	DNS	1320
3rd Vin Morgan	240	180	180	180	180	320		1280
4th Bruce Hao	240	180	180	180	180	257		1217
5th Terry Bond	240	180	180	146	180			926
F1C	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	FO1	TOTAL	
1st Warren Leadbeatter	240	180	180	180	180	307	1267	
2nd Murray Wilson	240	180	180	180	180	288	1248	
3rd Andrew Linwood	240	180	180	180	180	258	1218	
4th Roy Summersby	240	180	180	180	180	DNS	960	
5th Gary Pope	240	156	180	180	180		936	





Sunday was the VIC State Champs. It was going to be another great day of flying with superb weather again. Still cold and chilly with a light drift ENE.

Due to great weather we decided to keep the 4 min max for the first round. Round one saw some troubles for some. Gary Pope having wing issues and troubles. Gary recorded 23 secs for his first flight, unfortunately was over the 20 secs for an attempt. Richard was waiting to launch when his motor broke in the model. Everyone maxing the 4 mins besides Gary Pope.

Round two then was ready to go. Terry launched and then something went wrong. The model went up and then down, crashing to the ground. Pope had more wing issues and was down in 19 secs. Lucky for the two of them, both were attempts. On Terry 2nd attempt he was down in 141 secs, dropping the flight. All others maxing their flights with over 3mins.

Rounds three was off. This saw more rubber motor issues for F1B flyers. Vins motor broke while winding and Gary motor broke

in the model while waiting for good air. Terry dropped in 3 rd flight with 140 secs, still all other flyers managed to max their 3 rd flight.

By round 4 the wind had picked up. This was tricky for some. Both Gary and Terry falling into dead air. Gary down in 131 secs and Terry in 145 secs. Others still maxing flights.

Then by the beginning of round 5 the wind had dropped right back again. Andrew and Roy were up early. Both in good lift, Andrew going one way in some super lift and Roy going the other way. We didn't know if Roy would max. But as we got close to the 3mins, Roy's model did a fly by across the front of the flight line and landed 50m away in 3mins 10secs.





Everyone else were able to find the air and max. Though by this stage models were landing near and far.

So we were having another flyoff at 4pm. 3 flyers making the F1B flyoff, but 4 flyers again for F1C flyoff.

F1B went first again for the flyoff. This time none maxing the flyoff. Bruce down in 233 secs, Vin in 280 secs and Richard in 325 secs. This meant Richard winning the VIC state champs.

Then it was F1C. Warren had mechanical issues and didn't manage to launch in time. Roy just missed the max with 354 secs, but both Murray and Andrew maxing the 6mins. This was Murray's first time maxing a flyoff. Due to there still being enough light and time. They both flyoff again for 8min max. This tells how great the weather was. Murray was down in 419 secs and Andrew maxing the 2 nd Flyoff. First time Andrew had maxed two flyoffs. This meant Andrew won the VIC state Champs for F1C.

#### Results for VIC state champs.

F1B	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	FO1	TOTAL	
1st Richard Blackham	240	180	180	180	180	325	1285	
2nd Vin Morgan	240	180	180	180	180	280	1240	
3rd Bruce Hao	240	180	180	180	180	233	1193	
4th Gary Goodwin	240	180	180	131	180		911	
5th Terry Bond	240	147	140	145	180		852	
F1C	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	FO1	FO2	TOTAL
F1C 1st Andrew Linwood	<b>R1</b> 240	<b>R2</b> 180	<b>R3</b> 180	<b>R4</b> 180	<b>R5</b> 180	<b>FO1</b> 360	<b>FO2</b> 480	<b>TOTAL</b> 1800
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1st Andrew Linwood	240	180	180	180	180	360	480	1800
1st Andrew Linwood 2nd Murray Wilson	240 240	180 180	180 180	180 180	180 180	360 360	480	1800 1739
1st Andrew Linwood 2nd Murray Wilson 3rd Roy Summersby	<ul><li>240</li><li>240</li><li>240</li></ul>	180 180 180	180 180 180	180 180 180	180 180 180	360 360 354	480	1800 1739 1314





Monday was NSW state champs for Open Rubber and Open Power. The weather was just as wonderful as the two days before. But not very many flying the events.



We had no flyers for open rubber and only 4 flyers for open power. Michael Had his Dixielander that was 10 years old with a different engine. He maxed his first flight with great lift. But had an engine over run on his next flight, we still think its heading to Wyalong. Roy had his Dianna out to fly, approx. 110 inch with a Nelson 40. But issues in his first flight meant he come down in 25 secs, which then was not an attempt. His next two flights were much better maxing. Warren Had his Dixielander to start, then changed to his stomper. Warren didn't max out any flight, but still managed to pin 2 nd over Roy. Murrays model was on song. He had a modified Creep with an ST G15. Murray maxing out all his flights and placing 1 st . Well done Murray.



**Results for NSW State Champs Open Power** 

Name	R1	R2	R3	Total
1st Murray Wilson	180	180	180	540
2nd Warren Leadbeatter	120	117	163	400
3rd Roy Summersby	25	180	180	385
4th Michael Towell	180	DNF	DNF	180

We also run a mini event on the Monday. Vin flying his coupe and both Murray/Warren flying E36. With lots of lift around all 3 maxed out their flights. This meant a flyoff. Due to some going home after the event. The flyoff was at 1pm, with 6 min max. Vin decided not to fly in the flyoff which meant to was down to Warren and Murray. Warren launched first and only a few second

later Murray. Both models with great height. Warren went left and Murray went right. Warren down in 175 secs and Murray in 249 secs. Murray winning the event.

#### **Results for Mini Event**

Name	R1	R2	R3	FO	Total
1st Murray Wilson	120	120	120	249	609
2nd Warren Leadbeatter	120	120	120	175	535
3rd Vin Morgan	120	120	120	DNF	360







#### F1 G H & J State Champs plus E36, P30 and Sport Models – 15 June 2025

#### Report by Gary Pope

Richmond did the right thing and gave us superb conditions for our mornings flying. We had quality entries in F1J and F1G but no entries in F1H. This mirrors the recent experience with their big brothers – good entries in rubber and power but lesser numbers in towline glider.

Yours truly was CD for the day and I was keen on having a relaxed and contestant friendly event, so competitors flew 5 flights as and when they pleased before midday. Same deal for E36, P30 and Sport Models.

While the usual suspects were in attendance, it was great to see some old faces return. Chris Birch made a welcome return flying F1J and brought his father and grandpa with him. Chris also entertained us with some fast and furious combat flying later in the day.

In F1J we had some excellent flights and stiff competition. Our President Michael Towell was in superb form maxing out in F1J. His motor was strong and the glide on his model was superb. Roy Summersby was also going well, maxing out after three rounds. However he had problems after the 3rd flight and called it a day. Chris Birch did very well considering his absence in this class, just missing out on forcing a fly-off with Michael with a score of 556 seconds. Peter Scott earned 3 rd place with his score of 368 seconds with a more traditional model.

In F1G Gary Goodwin had a great morning with 5 maxes with his state of the art model from Eastern Europe. Gary was in good form and his model was superb. Ray Harvey flew a more traditional model that came to him via Terry Bond. He was very cautious, not wanting to overstress the model. Nonetheless, he put in a good performance with each flight a bit better than the previous flight. He finished the day in second place with 425 seconds. Next was Nat Beckett who was also flying a more traditional model that was built by Keith Murray some time ago. Nat was also very cautious, not wanting to overstress the model. Nat did a great job for a novice and finished in third place with 352 seconds.

Late in the morning we called it a day. While there was no P30 flying, Nat had some brilliant trimming flights with her E36 and both Jacko and Steve Buckpitt entertained us with their usual collection of interesting sport models.

In conclusion, I'd like to thank and congratulate all who attended and all who competed for their generosity of spirit, good nature and camaraderie.

Gary Pope AUS 38115

#### Pics by Natalie Beckett









#### Pics by Angela Mahoney









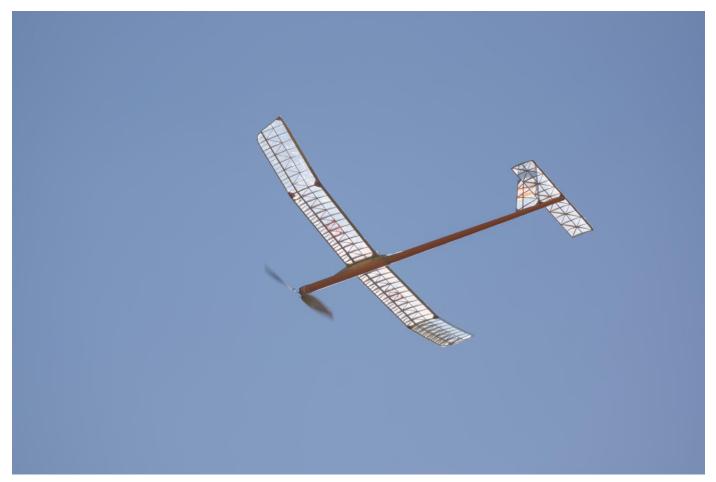
















## 2025 Trans Tasman Scale Rally - 4th to 6th July

#### 2025 Trans Tasman Report by Phil Warren

Our New Zealand friends and Australian competitors were blessed with three perfect days for model flying. Friday saw static judging and trimming flights. There were some very impressive models presented. Judging took till after lunch break to complete because of the number of models present. Static judging continued Saturday for some other competitors. There were thirty-six free flight models, and seven control line models judged. Saturday saw competition start with separate judges for F4A . Another set of judges for Rubber and Kit Scale. Flying finished by about one o'clock. Dinner was arranged at the Richmond club with many attending. Sunday started with a scramble. The presentation followed for the Saturday events and then a BBQ lunch. I would personally like to thank our judges for their time and dedication.

Ed Mahoney and Steve Hughes for static judging.

John Pennells and Walter Bolliger F4A.

Reg Towell and Steve Hughes. Rubber and Kit scale.

Thanks to Michael and Nat for prizes, BBQ, communication and organizing control line.

#### Day 1 – Static Judging Day

























Day 2 – Flying Day

#### **Report on CL Scale State Champs by Michael Towell**

We also had the Control Line Scale State Champs. We had 9 entries initially but 2 pulled out which left us with 7 models judged and ready. A couple of us had a few gremlins which grounded us. That left 4 models to battle out for position. The crowd was duly entertained with a mixture of aerobatics, touch and goes and quality Scale flying. Tony Bonello's beautifully prepared B-25 took out the honours and also the people's choice perpetual trophy. Well done to those involved.

Tony Bonello B-25	1321.5
Maris Dislers Great Lakes Trainer	1269
Don Keyssecker FW-190	1104.7
Roy Summersby Ryan ST	907.5
Peter Scott Bristol M1C	450.3
Michael Towell Corby Starlet	447.2
Tahn Stowe DC-3	-























































Pics courtesy Ange Mahoney, Nat Beckett and Warren Leadbeatter

#### Day 3 - Mills Trophy Scramble, Presentation and BBQ

#### Report on Mills Trophy Scramble by Roy Summersby

What a glorious weekend, this can't be stated enough, Saturday I counted 42 cars on the field, this would have made around 60 persons. We had a 91-year-old member flying down to a 3-month-old which we wouldn't let fly as she hadn't paid her membership.

The one- hour scramble was underway just after 8.00am. It had nine starters, the youngest being Albert Bojec at 11 years and a few in the high 70s & 80s. Weather was record breaking for the first 30 minutes then just a very gentle breeze put a stop to anyone joining the magic 3000 sec club. The times were good for the day and are as follows.

Andrew Heath	2772	Didn't drop a launch	32	flights
Phillip Mitchell	2372	Flew consistently	27	
Peter Scott	2035	The old Tomboy still going strong	25	
Albert Bojec	1973	11 years old and made 35 flights	35	
Terry Bond	1410	Over the fence twice	15	
George Bojec	1331	Needs a bit more practice	27	
Tahn Stowe	1271	Had trouble finding his green carpet on the green grass	28	
Stephen Bojec	1187	Spent too much time keeping an eye on Albert	17	
Michael Towell	438	Broken RDT line	6	



















## **Day 3 Presentation**



Thank you to the Judges – John, Reg, Steve, Ed & Wally



Kit Scale – 1st Phil Warren, 2nd Phil Mitchell, 3rd Roy Summersby



Rubber Scale – 1<sup>st</sup> Phil Warren, 2<sup>nd</sup> Paul Squires (NZ), 3<sup>rd</sup> Terry Bond



F4A Scale  $-1^{st}$  Phil M,  $2^{nd}$  Antony Koerbin (NZ),  $3^{rd}$  Michael Towell



Trans-Tasman teams Australia - Maris, Phil M and Roy New Zealand - Stan, Ricky and Antony



Australia the Winning Trans-Tasman Team for 2025



F4B- 1<sup>st</sup> Tony Bonello, 2<sup>nd</sup> Maris Dislers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Don Keyssecker



People's Choice Award – Tony Bonello/B25 Bomber



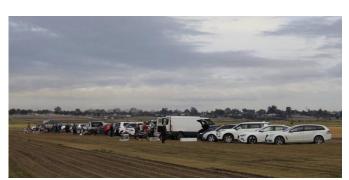
Scramble – 1<sup>st</sup> Andrew Heath, 2<sup>nd</sup> Phil Mitchell, 3<sup>rd</sup> Peter Scott



Lucky Door Prizes – everybody won something

Pics courtesy Ange Mahoney, Nat Beckett and Warren Leadbeatter

#### **Random Shots**









#### **NSWFFS visit RAAF Richmond on Friday 11 April**

Consequent to some liaison work involving our Executive and Flight Lieutenant Matthew Williams of RAAF Richmond, a visit to the Richmond control tower was arranged. At the conclusion of flying at Cornwallis on the morning of Friday 11 April, 10 of us piled into 5 cars and headed to the gatehouse at RAAF Richmond. Among the 10 were Michael Towell, Roy Summersby, Terry Bond, John Considine, Richard (Dicko) Jensen, Steve Hughes, Peter Scott, Ed and Angie Mahoney and Gary Pope.

After getting through the gatehouse formalities including meeting up with Flight Lieutenant Williams, we drove onto the base in a convoy and parked near the Control Tower.



The Tower is very old and cramped. It has been renovated more than once over the years.

There is a new Tower built some years ago but it has not been commissioned. The reason for the delay was not mentioned. From a distance the new (but not operational) Control Tower looks much more modern and much larger than the existing old (but operational) Control Tower.



We ascended the stairs to a level just below the observation area. We then broke into 2 groups of 5. The first group climbed the steps into the glassed in observation deck while the second group (including yours truly) cooled their heels at the penultimate level. They were up there for about 10 minutes. They came down and we went up.

There were 2 RAAF groups working there. One group comprised 2 female trainers/observers and the other group was 2 male controllers. Both were constantly engaged in conversation with each other and were in conversations with others over the 2-way radio. While this was going on we were involved in Q and A with Lieutenant Williams. We did not engage in conversation

with the two operational RAAF teams. They were working. The working area at the top of the Tower seemed cosy to the point of being cramped. Perhaps having an extra 6 people up there did not help much.

The following were very noticeable;

- Commanding 360-degree views.
- Surrounding terrain was extremely flat.
- NSWFFS flying area at Cornwallis could be seen from the observation deck. Yes, they can see us from the Tower.

After the Q&A in the Tower we descended to ground level. All of us complied with directions given to us and all were well behaved during the visit. Lieutenant Williams was a well-informed and pleasant group leader who was happy to answer our questions and engage in conversation with the group. We returned to the car park, exchanged farewells and went on our merry way.

Gary Pope - Aus 38115



# Unorthadox Day & BBQ Plus Windbag Mass Launch

Your chance to win a BNIB Cox Medallion 049
Donated by the late Big Kev



When - Sunday 12th Oct 2025.

Time: From 8am.

Windbag plan is available on Outerzone.

Partial Kit available - See organiser.

Prize for Peoples Choice.





Windbag Mass Launch Rules

- 1. Built as per plan.
- Cox 049 reed valve with standard 5cc tank to be used.
- All models to be launched with in 2mins of start time.
- 4. Longest flight wins.

Organiser – Michael Towell M - 0433 175 295 E – mtowell5@icloud.com









# 74th MAAA Free Flight National Championships

West Wyalong - 17th - 24th October 2025

#### **Pilot Entry**

Surname	First Name	MAAA / FAI Number
Street Address	Town/City	Post Code
Home Phone	Mobile Phone	Email Address

	THORE
FREE F	LIGHT - Outdoor
	F1A Gilder
	F1B Rubber
	F1C Power
	F1G Coupe
	F1H Glider
	F1J 1/2A Power
	Open Power
	Open Rubber
	E36
	Day Scramble
	Night Scrambe
	Outdoor HLG
	Outdoor CLG
	Outdoor DLG
	P30 Rubber
	Vintage Rubber
	Vintage Power
	Vintage Glider
	OZ Diesel
	F4A Scale
	60's Coupe
	Dixielander Fun Event
FREE F	LIGHT - Indoor
	Open Rubber Scale
	Peanut Scale
	Indoor HLG
	Indoor CLG
	Hangar Rat

Hangar Rat Scramble

Fee Calculator				
Events	Qty	Each	Total	Max Fee
Admin - ALL Entrants	1	\$50	\$50	\$50
Late Fee		\$50		\$50
Senior Events		\$15		\$50
Junior Events		\$2		\$10
Fun Fly only		\$0	\$0	\$0
Sub Total		Α		

Goodies & Dinners	Qty	\$ Each	Total	
Metal Badges		\$5		
Decals		\$3		No
Sausage Sizzle		\$5		Limit
Celebration Dinner		\$25		
Sub Total		В		

GRAND TOTAL (A+B)	С	

STATEMENT OF AGREEMENT:- I agree to abide by all rules laid down by the Association. I agree to compete in a Sportsman like manner & will also make myself available to assist with the running of the Event if I am asked.

#### CAMPING AVAILABLE AT THE FIELD:

Including; Camp Kitchen with 240V Fridges, TV, Microwave, Kettle, Toaster, BBQ, Electricity, Mens & Womens Hot Showers & Toilets. Tank Water. Plenty of shade.

\$10 per person per Night (Kids free)
Contact Roy Summersby for Bookings

#### PAYMENT OPTIONS

1. EFT DETAILS -		
A/C Nar	ne - NSWFFS Inc 74 <sup>th</sup> Nationals	
BSB - 06	2 336	
A/C # - :	1040 9062	
Ref - MAA	A Number + 1st three letters of your surname	

2. CHEQUE DETAILS		
Cheque Payee - NSWFFS Inc 74 <sup>th</sup> National	s	
Postal address for Entries and/or Cheques is :		
2025 Nats Registrar		
7 Kerstin St Quakers Hill 2763		

l	3. PAYPAL				
	Address: mtowell5@icloud.com				
١	Payment Type: Friends and Family				
I	Ref - MAAA Number + 1st three letters of your surname				

Enquiries: 2025 Nats Registrar – Nat Beckett
Ph: 0402675037
Email: natbeckett82@icloud.com

#### GET YOUR ENTRY IN EARLY!

Closing Date for Entries is 24th September 2025 we will accept a Late Fee of \$50 for any late entries



# 74<sup>th</sup> NATIONALS 2025 PROGRAM WEST WYALONG





# 17th to 24th Oct 2025

	Free Flight AB field	Social
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Registration and practise	
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	7am – 10am F4A 8am – 1pm Open Power and Rubber	5pm Swap Meet 7pm Country Lamb Roast Dinner and Wine
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	8am-1pm F1A, F1B and F1C	
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	8am – 9am Day scramble 9am – 1pm CLG/HLG/TLG and Dixielander Event	
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	8am-1pm F1G, F1H and F1J	2pm – 9pm Indoor Hanger Rat, Peanut, Open Scale and Gliders
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	8am – 1pm Vintage Power, Rubber, Glider	
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	8am – 1pm P30 and 60's Coupe 8 – 9pm Night Scramble	5pm Swap Meet Part 2 6pm Sausage Sizzle
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	8am – 1pm Oz Diesel and E36	
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Layover Day	

<sup>\*</sup>All presentations will be conducted at the house from 4-5pm\*



# NSW FREE FLIGHT CONTEST CALENDAR 2025 v2

Date	Event	Venue	Time	Contact
January 12	½ hr Scramble and Combined % + BBQ – BYO food	Richmond	8:00am	Roy Summersby
January 17	General Meeting	Dundas Sport	7:30pm	
February 2	Unorthodox Day and E36 + BBQ – BYO food	Richmond	7:00am – 12:00pm	Michael Towell
February 16	P30 State Champs and Combined Vintage	Richmond	8.00am – 12:00pm	Peter Scott
March 1 - 2	Hunter Valley Championships CL & FF	Muswellbrook	Separate program	MDMAS Club
March 9	1 hr Scramble State Champs and Scale Rally + BBQ – BYO food	Richmond	7.00am-12.00pm	Roy Summersby
March 21	General Meeting	Dundas Sport	7.30 pm	
March 23	E36 State Champs and P30	Richmond	7:00am – 12:00pm	Terry Bond
April 6	Ebenezer Day and George Fuller Event + BBQ	Richmond	7:00am – 12:00pm	Michael Towell
April 27 - 30	AFFS Champs + Widgiewa Cup (World Cup Events) + Southern Cross Cup for F1A, B, C	Narrandera	See FFDU program	AFFS Committee
May 1 - 4	AFFS continued at WW - 2nd Combined Vintage, E36, P30 - 3rd F1 G, H, J, % & Scramble 4th Open Power Open Rubber, HLG,TLG & CLG - See FFDU Evening Presentation Dinner	West Wyalong Farm House	8.00am-1.00pm See FFDU prog. 6.00 PM	AFFS Committee
May 17 - 18	Muswellbrook Veterans Gathering	Muswellbrook	Separate program	MDMAS Club
May 23	General Meeting	Dundas Sport	7.30pm	
May 30 - June 1	F1ABC State Champs + Open Rubber/Power State Champs + Victorian State Champs for F1ABC	West Wyalong	8.00am - 1:00pm	Separate program
June 15	State Champs F1G, H, J + E36 & P30	Richmond	7.00am-12:00pm	Gary Pope
July 4 - 6	Trans Tasman Scale Rally (Fri to Sun) + ½ hr Scramble and Fun Fly BBQ – BYO food	Richmond	Separate program	Phil Warren Michael Towell
July 18	General Meeting	Dundas Sport	7.30 pm	
July 25 - 27	Midwinter Mini Maxout + George Fuller Event 2 Min Max Models	West Wyalong	Separate Program	Roy Summersby
Aug 10	HLG/CLG State Champs and Combined %	Richmond	7:00 – 12:00pm	Gary Goodwin
Aug 30 - 31*	Cowra Oily Hand Weekend	Cowra	Separate Program	Cowra MAC
Sep 14	½ hr Scramble and Scale Rally. BBQ – BYO food	Richmond	7:00am – 12:00pm	Roy Summersby
Sep 19	General Meeting + Annual General Meeting	Dundas Sport	7:30 pm	
Oct 12	Unorthodox Day No 2 + Mass Windbag + BBQ	Richmond	8am – 12pm	Michael Towell
Oct 17 - 24	74th MAAA Free Flight Nationals	West Wyalong	Separate Program	Michael Towell
Nov 9	Combined Vintage State champs and E36, P30	Richmond	7:00am - 12:00pm	Nat Beckett
Nov 21	General Meeting	Dundas Sport	7.30 pm	
Nov 28	Friday Xmas Party	Richmond	7.00am - 1.00pm	Terry & Lyn
Dec 7	½ hr Scramble and Combined % + Combined Vintage + Christmas BBQ – BYO Food	Richmond	7:00am - 1:00pm	Michael Towell

\*\*\* Note: All Scrambles start at 8.00am \*\*\*