

# The Free Flighter Journal of the NSWFFS Inc January 2018



New Years Eve Gathering  
at  
West Wyalong

# Minutes of General Meeting 17th November 2017

**Meeting opened:** 7.30pm President Terry Bond in the chair. The venue this night was The Blacktown Workers Club; we will try and make this a permanent venue.

**Present:** Barry Lee, John Pennells, Roy Summersby, Tahn Stowe, Ed Mahoney, Wally Bolliger, Terry Bond, Reg Towel, Lyn Towell, Phil Warren, Peter Scott, Gail Scott, Gary Pope Geoff Potter

**Apologies:** Mike Towell, Jim Christie, Matt Hannaford, Peter Jackson, Bruce Hao

## Minutes of previous meeting:

Accepted as a true record moved by Ed Mahoney, sec Than Stowe

## Business Arising:

Tahn gave a report on the 2018 Nationals Progress,  
Confirmed Southern Cross Cup is a World Cup  
John Pennells to chase up friends of West Wyalong and passed MAAA members  
Matt Hannaford is getting a package deal at West Wyalong on the chain saw.

## Correspondence in/out:

Flypaper three issues, MAAA Executive minutes

## Treasures Report 1st Sept- 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2017

Opening Balance 1 <sup>st</sup> September	
CBA	\$32,387.65
St George	\$12,896.94
Total	\$45,284.59
Add deposits	\$15,168.93
Less Payments	\$40,342.85
CBA	\$7,173.73
St George	\$12,896.94
Closing Balance 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct 2017	\$20,070.67

**General Business:**

Terry gave a full report on Wings over West Wyalong weekend noting improvements that can be put in place. Very good response from the publicity, this included Paper posters in shops schools, and signs on roads.

We were advised by MAAA that we would be receiving 6 boxes from the MAAA museum these will be delivered to West Wyalong, we have know idea what is in them but we can do whatever we think necessary.

Roy stated that the house roof and gables have now been finished and look very good.

Gary Pope has pointed out that our constitution needs some clauses added, Gary circulated his recommendations; this will be dealt with at our January meeting. Gary also stated that according to the rules the public officer must keep the common seal along with ??????? this is much easier if the treasure is the public officer. It was moved that Gary Goodwin becomes the public officer, this was carried.

Gary congratulated Roy on his idea of raising money for the new roof. This has been an outstanding success and we are very near our target. Roy suggested that any extra monies that come in for the roof fund should be spent on the house. A motion was put to this effect and carried. Moved, Gary Pope sec Ed Mahoney

Meeting closed at 8.47pm



Editorial January 2018

Hi Team, another one has rolled over and I am truly sure that this rock in space is speeding up and turning faster and faster. Christmas and New Year have come and gone in a flash. Last year's Friday Christmas party and presentation to Pauline is just a blur. It was well attended with Lyn towel providing the best fare so far. We managed to kill a few bottles of champers and save some for the next big bash 10 Dec with the SAMs challenge.

The big party with BBQ, scramble, and SAMs challenge was a raging success. The scramble took off with 9 flyers, a couple of them very new to the event. It would also appear that there is some intense interest by two of our members; John Dodd and Steve R of Rothwell fame. Models are in construction!!! Andrew took the crown but there are some interesting challenges n the way. The miles team on their (I think) first appearance did very well coming fourth but with a huge amount of youth in store. Aaron Booth at third is a huge improvement with better starting and tactics. Gary Goodwin is on a march and all he needs is a good model. Michael Towell almost over took Andrew and was only three seconds behind him second. A pleasant surprise was Karl Mattas who we have not seen for many months; now has different shifts at work and we may see him more regularly.

The SAMs challenge was won by the NSWFFS with a total of 1701 seconds against 1107. We managed to put up more flights with more flyers than SAMs thus giving us the win. No doubt this year will see keener competition. There were more than 20 cars on the field and it was a fabulous day. Barry turned up with the BBQ at the appropriate time and the occasional champers went down.

Two of our members Roy Summersby and Barry Lee went for repair during 2017, Roy with a new hip and Barry with some internal repairs. Both are now on the active list, no excuses will be tolerated. The New Year party at West Wyalong was well attended and Roy will pen the WW story.

We can still use money to additional work at WW. This is a call for members who have excess or unwanted kits, motors, modelling materiel, or just about anything Roy can put on eBay for sale to raise funds.

We will need volunteers to prepare our field for the coming nationals. A request for volunteers has already been sent out so please read the notice and contact Roy.

There are five Australian flyers going to the Maxmen contest in Lost Hills CA so we wish them luck.

Some may have noticed that the paddocks behind Charlie's current holding have been cleared. I understand that negotiations by Charlie to purchase this land have commenced but are not yet firm. I personally wish him luck and hope that all is good for the future. I will report further.

That's all folks. Just remember free flighters kept it up longer.

T.M. Bond  
President NSWFFS



# NSW FREE FLIGHT SOCIETY TRANS TASMAN F4A AND SCALE RALLY 2018.

AUSTRALIA VERSUS NEW ZEALAND JULY 7th & 8th @ RICHMOND

F4A , Rubber, Open & Kit Scale, Flying and static Judging Saturday . Dinner Saturday night.

Scale Rally and Fun Fly inc Power Scramble (8.00am) followed by a BYO BBQ lunch Sunday 3rd.

Come fly your Free Flight Scale creation on the beautiful Richmond turf.

Prizes and awards including the David Hope -Cross trophy, The Reg Jude Rubber trophy,  
Peoples Choice , Spectacular Arrival, Mystery Flight, and Next Time.

The 70th Nationals F4A event (25th & 26th April 2018) is the selection trial for the Australian TT Team.

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## Last meeting

This was held at the Blacktown workers club. A very nice room in a very nice club, but a little expensive for us so we are moving again.

## NOTE NEW VENUE

### This Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> January

Dundas Sports and Recreation Club is the venue for this coming meeting. We have booked a room here for all the meetings this year. It is at 9 Elder Rd just off Kissing Point Rd Dundas. The club has a Chinese Restaurant which we can make use of, very handy for those of us that have to travel.

No doubt at this meeting there will be a lot of discussion on the National's that are only thirteen weeks away.

### New Years Eve Gathering at West Wyalong

In all some twenty three persons made use of the AB field at West Wyalong. Nearly all stayed in motels in town where there was access to good air conditioning and a pool. As it turned out the weather was kind to us, around thirty seven on the first day with strong winds. From the on it was only about thirty three and calm for most of the days.

Most flew every day, the free flighters giving up around eleven AM and the ex free flight boys (radio flyers) carrying on nearly all day.

A big range of models were flown, F1C, F1B, P30, O/P, O/R plus a variety of sport models. On the RC strip there were small diesel (EX free flight models) as well as many old timers powered by glow, electric and spark, you could say there was quite a range.

Without Matt Hannaford being there with his famous pizza's it was decided to have Chinese take away. This was done with a very large selection of food and was very well accepted.

### Friends of West Wyalong

Are you a FOWW? Have you renewed your membership? Membership runs from 30<sup>th</sup> June for twelve months. We the NSWFFS have been very slack in not sending out reminder forms. If you are registered through the NSWFFS this does not apply to you. If you are one of our friends that haven't rejoined we would love to have you back with us. This can be done by sending us \$30 by direct deposit NSWFFS BSB 062 293 A/C 0090 1281 Ref FOWW, please add your name. Cheque posted to NSWFFS C/O R.Summersby 132 The Esplanade Umina 2257, or give the cash to a committee member.

If you are not a FOWW become one now.

### E36 – Come and play!

In recent years, there have been lots of articles and online blog posts written about the origins, evolution and technical progression of the (new) outdoor electric free flight event known as E36. This isn't one of those ...

The sole purpose of this piece is to state what I feel are 6 key merits of the class, my only hope being that it'll prompt more people to come out to play in the first Australian National E36 event – Yes, I'm talking about West Wyalong, 2018.

So here we go.

Merit 1: As you can see at the end of this piece, the rules are simple!

Merit 2: You can **build a model** from scratch (or from a kit) and be competitive.

Merit 3: EVERYTHING you need to fly E36 is readily available from reputable companies selling online. I even have enough spare kits and parts in my personal arsenal that I can hook you up if you think it'd help you get involved.

Merit 4: At 36" max span, the models won't take up much space on your building board, much time in your modeling schedule, or displace other models from your model box.

Merit 5: E36 model performance with off-the-shelf equipment is bloody impressive!

And possibly the most important ....

Merit 6: At last count, at least 12 people (6 from Qld, 2 from NSW, 4 from Vic) have indicated that they intend to fly E36 at the Nats. Seriously, who would've thought that a 1<sup>st</sup>-time Nats event could attract an entry field like that?!?!?! Do you really want to be one of the few people that WON'TBE FLYING E36?

So, that's about all I have to say, but recognising that I really don't have any basis for credibility (in fact most of you are probably wondering "Who the hell is the Dave Shackelford guy?"), if you need convincing of the merits of E36, have a chat with Terry Bond ...

Knowing that 007 had his very first E36 flight (with his Super Pearl 202e) TODAY, I gave him a call to see how things went. To my mind, there can be no stronger endorsement for the class than hearing the words "I never would have believed that a model could fly right off the board, but that's exactly what it did."

Now, what you should also know is that Terry is by his own admission, a complete newcomer to electric flight. As I said to Terry a month-or-so ago, that's really not an issue. The model designs and flight systems are so simple and so well sorted (thanks largely to our thermalling cousins in the NFFS) that any issues were easily overcome. As a result, we now have another E36 fan. That's what I call a win!

If you have any questions at all about E36 in general, or could do with some help getting your hands on bits 'n pieces, zip me an Email ([david.shackelford@monash.edu](mailto:david.shackelford@monash.edu))

### E36 Rules for 2018 Nats

- 丿 Contest will consist of 3 official flights
- 丿 Model Characteristics
  - 丿 36" projected maximum wingspan
  - 丿 120 g minimum weight, ready to fly
  - 丿 No auto-surfaces permitted. After launch, only one movement of wing or tail, for DT only
- 丿 Any type of electric motor is permitted. 2 cell lithium battery limit. Folding props allowed.
- 丿 Three (3) flights will be flown, with 120 sec max. 10 second motor run.
- 丿 In the event of a fly-off, motor run will be reduced to 5 seconds. Subsequent fly-offs will continue with 5 second motor runs until a tie-break occurs.
- 丿 Attempts
  - 丿 An attempt is a flight less than 20 seconds
  - 丿 A motor over-run is an attempt
  - 丿 The second attempt is an official flight



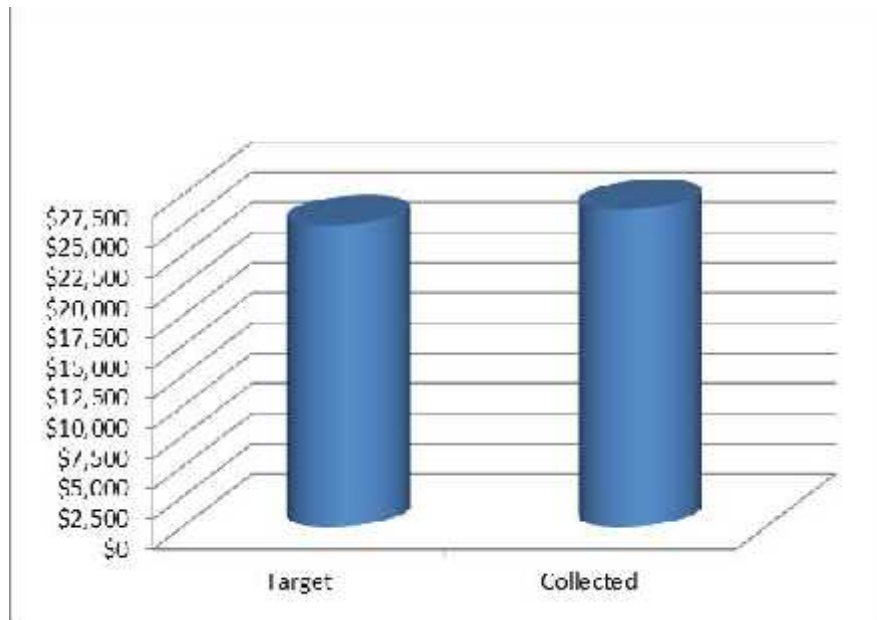
Ben Lewis, launching his own design E36. (Photo by Malcolm Campbell)







## West Wyalong Roof Repair Fund as at 13 December 2017



Target	Collected
Kevs Kits & Robert O	\$6,981
Brian Allcock Family	\$1,000
Roy Summersby	\$1,142
Rebels - Tom Tobin	\$100
Peter & Gail Scott	\$522
Terry Bond	\$1,037
D. Hanna	\$100
P. Greenhill	\$100
M.Simpson	\$25
Lynn & Reg Towell	\$200
Gary Pope	\$305
Leigh Morgan	\$100
Vin Morgan	\$400
Albert Fathers	\$100
John Corby	\$540
Shane McDonald	\$155
Shannon Tolmie	\$235
VFFS	\$250
Ted Burfien	\$100
Anon	\$2,000
AFFS	\$500
Craig Hemsworth	\$500
Gary Goodwin	\$1,050
Peter Jackson	\$20
Norm Young	\$164
Wally Boliger	\$10
Stan Hinds	\$350
BFFS	\$100
Geoff Potter	\$10
Tahn Stowe	\$335
Jim Christie	\$400
Adrian Bryant	\$6,997
Geoff Mee	\$10
M Campbell	\$100
Percy Wright	\$150
Joan McIntyre	\$20
Graham Frost	\$179
\$25,000	\$26,287



# NSWFFS Contest & Fixture Calendar 2018

Date	Event	Venue	Time	C/D
Jan 19	General Meeting	Dundas Sports & Recreation Club - 9 Elder Road, DUNDAS	7:30pm	
Jan 28	Scramble, Scale Rally, HLG/CG	Richmond	7.00am – 1.00pm	Terry Bond
Feb 10-18	Maxmen etc USA	Lost Hills		
Feb 11	Combined % + Scale Fun Fly	Richmond	7:00am – 1:00pm	Matt Hannaford
Feb 25	Combined F1 G,H,J & P30	Richmond	7.00am – 1.00pm	Gary Pope
Mar 3-4	Hunter Valley Champs	Muswellbrook		
Mar 11	State Champs P30 + Comb Vintage	Richmond	7.00 – 1.00pm	Gary Pope
Mar 16	General Meeting	Dundas Sports & Recreation Club - 9 Elder Road, DUNDAS	7.30pm	
Mar 18	Gary Goodwin's Hinton Day	Hinton	7.00am---1.00pm	0414292050
Mar 25	State Champs Scramble + Combined % Control Line flying, BBQ Lunch	Richmond BYO Food	7.00am-1.00pm	Terry Bond
Apr 8	Big Kev's Abomination Day	Richmond	7.00am – 1.00pm	Peter Jackson
Apr 16-21	AFFS Champs etc	Narrandera	See FFDU	
Apr 23-30	National's & Southern Cross Cup	W. Wyalong	Nat's Webpages	MAAA
May 18	General Meeting	Dundas Sports & Recreation Club - 9 Elder Road, DUNDAS	7.30 pm	
May 19-20	Veteran's Gathering	Muswellbrook		
May 25-28	Vic State Champs F1A,B,C,G,H,J, O/Rubber O/Power, P30, HLG	Bridgewater	For program see FFDU	Vin Morgan 0393872531
June 9-11	NSW State Champs F1A, B, C, O/Power ,O/Rubber	W. Wyalong A B Field	8.00am-1.00pm	Dave Thomas
June 17	Scale Practice	Richmond	7.00am-1.00pm	Jim Christie
July 6-8	Scale Rally Weekend. Scale comp Sat 7th, Sun 8th ½ Hour scramble, Fun Fly C/L flying & BBQ Lunch	Richmond Saturday BYO Food	7.00am till dark Trans Tasman	Tahn Stowe
July 15	State Champs F1G,H,J (Combined)	Richmond	7.00am-1.00pm	Matt Hannaford
July 20	General Meeting	Dundas Sports & Recreation Club - 9 Elder Road, DUNDAS	7.30 pm	
Aug 5	Combined %, Multiple Entries.	Richmond	7.00am- 1.00pm	Bruce Hao



Aug 19	Scale Rally, P 30, Combined Vintage	Richmond	7:00am – 1:00pm	Tahn Stowe
Aug 25-26	Cowra Oily Hand Weekend	Cowra		
Sep 9	½ Hour Scramble +Fun Fly B-B-Q Lunch	Richmond BYO Food	7:00am – 1:00pm	John Corby
Sep 14	Annual General Meeting	Dundas Sports & Recreation Club - 9 Elder Road, DUN- DAS	7:30 pm	
Sep 23	Combined % 5 flights	Richmond	7.00am - 1.00pm	Matt Hannaford
Oct 7	Combined % Multiple Entries	Hinton	7:00am – 1:00pm	Gary Goodwin
Oct 27-28	Wings Over West Wyalong All Disciplines FUN FLY	W. Wyalong A.B.Field	7.00am-Till Dark	Plenty of Room for ALL
Nov 11	Brian Alcock Biplane Day 1/2 Hour Scramble + Scale rally	Richmond	7:00am – 1:00pm	Peter Jackson
Nov 16	General meeting	Dundas Sports & Recreation Club - 9 Elder Road, DUN- DAS	7.30	
Nov 30	Friday Xmas Party	Richmond	7.00am – 1.00pm	Terry & Lyn
Dec 9	½ Hour Scramble, Com- bined Vintage with SAMS & Fun Fly.	Richmond BBQ Xmas	7:00am – 1:00pm Lunch BYO	Terry Bond FOOD
Notes 1. 2. 3.	All scrambles start as close to Sport FF, CL,& RC Flying welcome BYO FOOD, DRINK & CHAIR to	8.00 am as on A.B. Field ALL BBQs at	Possible at W. Wyalong RICHMOND	Plenty of room



Entries for the 70th Nats have been streaming in and it looks like it will be the best attended Nats in a long while.

Field preparations are also proceeding with regular mowing of the Redman Oval by the Bland Shire Council and the offer of an alternate oval if required for the Control Line Aerobatics. Our own AB field is scheduled for a couple of working bees to install the CL circles. Access gates for Flight Lines A & B at the WW Airport are planned and a meeting with members of the BSC to progress preparations, is planned for this month.

Close of entries is 31st Jan so by the 1st week of February we will have a good handle on the overall entry numbers and will be advising of any events to be cancelled.

We will need volunteers to staff the Registration Centre (Indoor Stadium) so if you can help let me know. Steve and Val Vickers have already offered to do a stint. Do not fear there will be a roster so you won't be stuck there all day, "many hands make light work".

There appears to be a lot of "goodwill" towards the centralized Nationals in general and West Wyalong as a venue. Enthusiasm is high and if all goes to plan it should be a very successful event .

If you haven't entered do it now. <http://www.maaaevents.com.au>

Kind regards

Tahn Stowe  
70th Nats Co-ordinator