

# The Free Flighter Journal of the NSWFFS Inc July 2019



The Judges hard at work  
Richmond Scale Day

# Minutes of General Meeting 31st May 2019

Meeting opened: 7.31 pm at Dundas Sports Club. President Terry Bond in the chair.

Present: Roy Summersby, Mike Towel, Reg Towel, Gary Goodwin, Peter Scott, Geoff Potter, Wally Bolliger, John Pennells, Gary Pope,

Apologies: Barry Lee, Matt Hannaford,

Guests: Lyn Towel, Gail Scott

Minutes of previous meeting: Accepted as a true record moved by Geoff Potter sec Mike Towell carried.

## Business Arising:

Nat's report moved to general business, Roy stated that the trees on the northern boundary have been grouped together ready for burning, and the two defunct water tanks have been removed. The road base at the proposed hard stand has been extended by 10 meters making it 60X60meters. A letter was sent to AFFS for an Alan Edwards memorial trophy at AFFS champs 2020; this was granted at the AFFS meeting. Working bee weekend at the AB field went well with five members attending.

## Correspondence out:

Newsletter,

## Correspondence in:

MAAA Conference material. MAAA re Richmond, Matt Hannaford's letter re Nat's. Plumbing A/C. Fly Papers.

## Treasures Report:

Moved, Gary Pope sec John Pennells carried

### **TREASURERS REPORT NSWFFS** **1<sup>st</sup> March to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019**

#### Opening Balances

C.B.A – A/C No 229300901281	\$24,502.48
C.B.A - A/C No 233610409062	\$26,242.81
Opening Total	\$50,745.29

C.B.A 1– Deposits	\$4,145.00
C.B.A 2– Deposits	\$3,329.01
C.B.A 1- Payments	(\$831.22)
C.B.A – Payments	(\$15,349.90)



## General Business:

Report on the MAAA conference by Roy,

Two CASA representatives spoke for quite a time and I felt in my case, didn't tell us anything we didn't know. The treasure outlined the reasons for a fee increase and it was passed the fees are set at \$90 for the coming year... Reg Towell had been nominated by NSWFFS for the MAAA Hall of Fame. I am pleased to say this was passed unanimously.

Marketing gave a huge report on the surveys they had done. Jeff Stien from West Wyalong council attended and gave a presentation on the Nat's and how council is willing to help. All MAAA council members would like the Nat's to continue, however, no State put their hand up to run it. From general talk I get the impression that if the Nat's were guaranteed to be held at the one location for say five years (i.e.) West Wyalong, MAAA would invest more money. MAAA have lost money over the years as Nat's have moved from place to place. While this is interesting for competitors it is not sound financially. The talk was positive but a coordinator is still required.

Organisers for WOWW in October will be Terry Bond, Peter Scott, Mike Towel,

Southern Cross Cup 2020 date will be set when we know AFFS dates and if a Nat's will be held.

Reminders of memberships will go out to the friends of West Wyalong who are not members of NSWFFS. The cost remains the same, \$30 for the 2019-20 year.

The NSWFFS state fees will remain the same at \$30 for 2019-20

Gary Goodwin and Roy are investigating on the removal of rocks from the AB field.

NSW & Victorian state champs will be held on the 8<sup>th</sup>, 9th, 10th June

Discussion on the 71<sup>st</sup> National's.

Terry had written a hurried report for the MAAA conference which was presented. The financials will follow in a few weeks when outstanding accounts are presented and have been paid. However a good profit is expected. Terry's full report with recommendations is available upon request.

Meting closed 9.06pm

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Ashton Miles working on his Spitfire

Photo by Gail Scott

## Editorial July 2019

Hi Team, another couple of months gone by in a flash with our next meeting coming up in a week. Recently I sent an email about windy weather at Richmond. I said that if any flyer did want to fly, he should ring the RAAF and get approval to fly. A question was immediately asked what was the number for the RAAF. I supplied the number and the appropriate instructions but here I must beg forgiveness. The instruction was written in 2016 and published in our Free Flyer. What I did not do was to republish the instruction each year and ensure that every modeller who flies there is aware of the instruction and method of communication. The instruction is attached to this newsletter. Our good relationship with the RAAF is essential and we need to keep it that way.

Phil Warren was the organiser for the scale weekend 6-7 July and did a great job. He changed the program around a bit to have some judging on Friday 5 July to ensure enough time for flying on the next two days. The weather on this day was a bit iffy with some rain making the shoes a bit damp on the field. Phil arranged for the next two days to be sensational; little or no wind and reasonable temperatures. Don't know how he did it. The inclusion of Kit Scale on the weekend increased participation and produced some very nice models especially those of Yolande Mulholland and Noeline Mitchell.

Maris Dislars managed to slip on his first flight on the Friday and broke his ankle. We put this down to his very special German footwear not being able to cope with the quality of the lawn. Maris was subsequently hospitalised, repaired and sent home the following Tuesday. He had eight very nice models in his car and could not fly any.

As usual the New Zealanders turned up with some very high quality and competitive models to do battle. I did not get to see all the models but of note was Mike Mulholland's mini Lysander. I am not sure I will ever be able to match that quality of build. On the evening of 11 July Mike Mulholland rang from NZ and made several suggestions on how the NZers could assist on the next weekend in 2020. Some suggestion that Mike made were; no entry fee for juniors under 16, scale building workshop the day before (already on the program for next year) with NZers to assist, and an expression of interest for some indoor flying. This needs more attention so watch this space.

We lost about \$120 on the weekend but it was worth it. Everybody seemed pleased about the toilet on site. Charlie and Pauline managed to come to our Chinese banquet, and we presented Pauline with a lovely bunch of flowers. I apologised to Charlie for the condition of his road due to wet weather.

The scramble went off with eight flyers but one notable exception; Andrew Heath. He was present and helped coach the Miles boys. They are the new danger in scramble with the ability to run without the impediment of old age and arthritic joints. Their building skills appear to be better than mine. I think I will have to play catch up.

That's about all folks apart from the meeting next Friday night and the AGM in September. Put your committee nominations on now. Remember free flyers keep them up longer!

President NSWFFS  
Terry Bond

## Next Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> July

This will be on Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> July at the Dundas Sports Club 7.30pm. Most of us get there early about 6.00pm and have a beer and meal before the serious stuff, please feel free to join us.

## West Wyalong

The new water tanks which John Corby and Alan Edwards donated most of the funds to buy are now in place and hopefully collecting water by now. Once the plumbing is completed and if it ever rains again, water should never be a problem. Other work done on the June weekend was that we burned our bonfires, eleven of them. Still nights, cold air, and no grass to burn made conditions just perfect. We had been waiting quite a while to do this clearing of the field making it all the safer for our toys.

The next big project will be rock removal. There are a few methods, all expensive. What looks to be the most cost effective at this stage, is to have a grader scrape the surface pushing the rocks into rows. A front end loader will then pick them up and they will be trucked somewhere out of the way. We intend to do a small area first before committing our self to too much. This work will be done as soon as there is enough grass (food) for the sheep, possibly September. Using a grader should also make it better under foot, levelling a few humps and filling a few holes. The area which Chris has planted is starting to come good with the little rain they have had.

## Scale Weekend Richmond

Boy what a weekend, for some of us it started early Friday morning and finished Sunday afternoon. For those that missed it all I can say is, you missed some magical flying over two perfect days. Yes the field was wet it had rained on the Thursday and again on the Friday afternoon, and again on Saturday night. The weekend was organised by Phil Warren and he did a great job keeping everyone happy. Thanks must go to the six judges that were kept busy, not an easy job, but they do get to see the models close up.

Once again we had six New Zealanders join us, I have no idea of the total people but I did count 31 cars on Saturday and 29 on Sunday, there were 31 models processed for judging. Total number of models, including sport models over the weekend would amount to about 60+. We supplied a free sausage sandwich with onions on Sunday and all sixty were consumed and appreciated. With the perfect conditions, flying went on from 7.00am to 4.00pm on both days. We had eight starters for the Sunday scramble which was won by Tahn. But look out Tahn, those Miles boys are coming to get you. We did manage a financial loss of \$200 this was due to the toilet hire and looking after the field owners, Charlie and Pauline. I feel this was a small price to pay for such a promotion of scale and free flight in general. Check out Warren Leadbeatter's and Glenn Crouch's photos at

Warren's <https://flic.kr/s/aHsmESoUyA>

Glenn's <https://youtu.be/jrLMVazWXCI>

## Southern Cross Cup 2020

Last year I was a few days late getting in the forms to make the SCC a world cup event. Not wanting to make the same mistake again we have set the dates so the forms can be filled in and submitted early. The dates we have selected are over Easter, Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> of April, reserve day Monday 13<sup>th</sup>. These are a few days after the AFFS championships which are 2nd to 8<sup>th</sup> April.

## National's in the Future

Bland Shire Council, like us, would like to see a five year or more commitment to the area. There was a lot of talk on National's, all or most agreed that we should have it but no one put there hand up to be a coordinator. With informal talk at the MAAA conference, that is, with a beer after the meeting, I get the impression that if a National's venue site was committed for say five or more years MAAA would be happy to invest dollars. MAAA have over the past years spent a lot of money on sites only not to have use of them in future years. Maybe what we have been telling them is finally getting through. Terry submitted a letter of proposal to the MAAA executive but at this time there has been no reply. Copy of the letter is in this Free Flighter.

## GPS Trackers

Quite a few of us are now using GPS trackers in our models. While the Vin Morgan type tracker is extremely good, and I have loved it for many, many years, the GPS system has some big advantages. It not only tells you the direction with an arrow, it tells you the number of meters you are from it. With Vin's system it is possible to walk past the model and waste valuable time, with the GPS system the arrow will be pointing back the other way and your meters will be getting bigger. Retrieval time can be very important in competitions. Yes they are expensive but so is losing a serious F type model.

## Cowra

Cowra Oily Hand Day is fast approaching 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> August. Models of the meet are for control line the Ringmaster Stunter and for F/F or Radio the R6-B. I remember seeing one of these when I was a boy. I can't remember who owned it but it was the first radio model I had seen. It was back in 1956-7 and a radio model was something different around Doonside Club. It has a span of 60" it is really just a powered glider with the engine on top of the wing, no doubt a trainer in those early days, a mans first RC model. If you want more information on the Cowra weekend give me a call.

## Membership

At the time of writing, 50% of NSWFFS have renewed their fees. This is better than the MAAA average. If you haven't paid you are un financial, NOT insured and can NOT fly at club fields. If you are one of these, please make contact with your club secretary and pay \$120 as soon as possible. If you are reading this and you are not a member of the NSWFFS but would like to be contact me Roy Summersby [roydi132@optusnet.com.au](mailto:roydi132@optusnet.com.au)

## AFFS

You can now get the best free flight magazine going around for just ten dollars. Yes that's right \$10 gets you a copy emailed to your home four times a year. Well worth it just for Malcolm's photos as well as keeping up with the current news on free flight.

Get in touch with their treasurer, Albert Fathers on 0755343490 or [father-splace@smartchat.net.au](mailto:father-splace@smartchat.net.au)

## Wings over West Wyalong

This happens on October 25<sup>th</sup>&26<sup>th</sup> Mark it in your calendar now. It's all a fun weekend flying anything you wish, FF, RC, CL, no restrictions, noise no problem.

Full details will be in the September's issue of the Free Flighter.

## Friends of West Wyalong

For all of you out there that are a friend of West Wyalong it is that time of the year to rejoin.

All you have to do is place \$30 in into NSWFFS bank CBA BSB-062-293 A/C -00901281 don't forget to put your name as a reference so we know where the money came from.

## Shop News

I have been told that the price of either has taken a big jump. The shop still has some stock so get in quick if you need it. \$25/litre in your bottle.

## Instructions for the use of the field in cooperation with the RAAF

### Introduction.

The field at 636 Cornwallis Road used by the NSWFFS is within the controlled air space of the RAAF at Richmond. The field is located 2.2 nautical miles from the tower at 321 degrees. If we wish to use the field between the hours of 8.00am and 6.00pm it is a requirement that whoever is flying must notify the tower of their presence on the field. Flying during this period may continue but models must not fly higher than 400 feet and have the capacity to be grounded within 3 minutes.

Flying before and after the above timings is acceptable to any height but during the restricted period the control tower must be notified.

The tower number is....4587 1201....

### Procedure at commencement of flight

A conversation with tower personnel would go something like this;

Number dialled, after a couple of rings the answer will be "Tower, this is 'Drew'" (Names will vary but they are always crisp and clear).

Answer will be; my name is ..... and I am from the NSWFFS. I am at 2.2 nautical miles at 321 degrees and about to fly for a while. (My phone number is '12345678' this is not always required; Roy's and my mobile phone number are recorded at the tower and we would automatically be called if there was a need to be grounded)

Replies can vary but normally precise and state; maximum ceiling is 400 feet, or what is your phone number or thanks.

### Procedure at end of flight

Ring tower and conversation would go like this; Hi my name is .... And I am with the NSWFFS and I have finished flying for the day.

Reply is normally 'Thanks' and the phone is hung up.

### Instructions for modellers flying on days other than competition days and Fridays.

A mobile phone is required and the number registered with both Roy (Summersby) and Terry (Bond). In the case where the tower does not ask for a number either Roy or I would be contacted and we would need to contact the modeller.

DT's are required on all models and large competition models would need radio DT.



## Free Flight Society Proposal

### Nationals 2020 – 2025

#### Situation

The nationals held at West Wyalong over the last two years have been very successful and well attended. In each case a profit has been generated and the funds reinvested in the free flight owned facility at West Wyalong.

At the last MAAA council conference the consensus was that the nationals be continued but no one state would accept the responsibility to run the event. At this conference Jeff Stien, the information officer from Bland Shire Council offered financial and organisational assistance if the nationals could be secured at this site for the next five years.

Easter is a difficult time for many disciplines to allocate flying time for events as many clubs and SIGs have programmed events at this time. It is proposed to hold each nationals apart from Easter and in the 2020 case it would be late April.

#### Mission

The NSWFFS will accept the responsibility to organise the nationals for the next 5 years.

#### Execution

At previous national events the coordinator has been responsible for almost all the organisation. This included documentation, liaison with different groups, publicity, catering, equipment and other miscellaneous matters. This is unsustainable and an organisational chart allocating responsibility to different personnel is attached.

Each of these members would be allocated a range of responsibilities pertaining to his or her task. Several personnel have already volunteered. The following coordinating tasks/ personnel will receive an honorarium; Overall coordinator, Registrar, RC coordinator, Control line Coordinator. This may vary according to requirements.

#### Administration and Logistics

Documentation to obtain height clearances, risk assessments, and flying site bookings have been completed for the last two nationals and are on file as templates for any future event. Two business plans are also on file.

Sufficient equipment has been purchased over the last two nationals and is held in the nationals container at the AB field West Wyalong. Previous contact with local philanthropic groups to provide catering has been very successful.

#### Communication

Previous publicity campaigns have emphasised attendance and have been very costly. Web page inclusions and amendments have also been very expensive and a need to change the format of the events page is necessary. There is also a need to have the relative links from the main MAAA page.

A chain of communication from the ground up is also necessary for publication to all members.

Nationals 2020  
Overall Coordinator

Assistants

Registrar

Treasurer

Bland Shire

Coordinators

Indoor

RC

CL

FF

Functions

Bush BBQ

Publicity

Sponsorship

FF RC

Combat Racing Stunt

Opening Ceremony  
Celebration Dinner

Pattern

Scale

Heli

Pylon

Glider

SAMs

EOT

## Trans Tasman Scale Weekend

Friday started wet and muddy for the weekend. A lot of the static judging was done on Friday to give more flying time on Saturday. Thanks to Phil Mitchell for setting up a temporary rain shelter to keep the judges dry, till our main shelter arrived. Trimming flights were undertaken in between showers. Unfortunately Maris slipped the day before the event and was taken by ambulance to hospital with a dislocated ankle. We all wish him well on his recovery.

Saturday was fine with almost no wind, perfect conditions for scale models. We had two sets of flying judges, one set for F4A and kit scale and one set for rubber scale. Flying took place all morning till mid afternoon. Power models and rubber models sharing the sky, some with lots of pace, others floating overhead. Fifteen competitors including six from New Zealand flew or tried to fly a total of thirty one different models, a fantastic turn out. There were a lot of spectators also, with at one stage thirty two cars parked on the field. A dinner was held on Saturday evening at the East Court Chinese Restaurant.

Sunday was foggy for scramble and had barely lifted by the BBQ lunch. After the scramble it was a fun fly day. It was good to see so many juniors flying models during scramble and after the event. I would like to thank the judges some of whom were thrown in the deep end.

John Corby : static. Peter Norrie : static and collating results. Walter Bolliger and Geoff Potter : F4A and Kit scale. John Pennells and Phil Poole : Rubber scale.

F4A results: 1st Phil Mitchell/ Sopwith1/2 strutter. 2nd Stan Mauger/ Vickers Vilderbeest 3rd Roy Summersby/ Royal Aircraft Factory FE8.

Kit scale results: 1st Mike Mulholland/ Lysander. Tie for 2nd Yolande Mulholland/ Auster. 2nd Noelene Lyon/ DHC-2 Beaver.

Rubber scale results: 1st Phil Warren/ Lemberger LD20B. 2nd Mike Mulholland/ Sopwith Triplane. 3rd Ricky Bould/ Westland Widgeon.

Scramble results: 1st Tahn Stowe. 2nd Stephen Bojec. 3rd Matt Hannaford.

Again thanks for all who participated in making it a great weekend.

Phil Warren.



Photo by Warren Leadbeatter

F4A Free Flight Scale	Model	Score	Place
Phil Mitchell	Sopwith 1/2 Strutter	1572	1st
Phil Mitchell	DH82A Tiger Moth	1533.8	
Stan Mauger	Vickers Vilderbeest Mk4	1467.5	2nd
Phil Mitchell	PBY-2 Catalina	1379.15	
Roy Summersby	Royal Aircraft Factory FE8	1359	3rd
Bob Crane	Curtis Kittyhawk P40N	1281.8	
Ricky Bould	Auster AOP9	957.8	
Roy Summersby	Sopwith Swallow	899	
Terry Bond	Royal Aircraft Factory SE5	872.9	

#### Kit Scale

Mike Mulholland	Lysander	150.1	1st
Yolande Mulholland	Auster	146.6	2nd
Noelene Lyon	DHC-2 Beaver	146.6	2nd
Phil Warren	Bellanca Skyrocket	144	
Keith Murray	Taylorcraft	142.9	
Maris Dislers	Cessna Bird Dog	134	
Roy Summersby	Nieuport 17	133.5	
Roy Summersby	PZL 24	125	
Ricky Bould	Comper Swift	108	
Phil Mitchell	Howard DGA6	95	
Warren Leadbeatter	P40 Warhawk	89	
John Clements	Druin Turbulent	67	
Reg Towell	Erco Ercoupe	58	

#### Reg Jude Rubber Scale Trophy

Phil Warren	Lemberger LD20B	1476	1st
Mike Mulholland	Sopwith Triplane	1473	2nd
Phil Warren	Peyret Taupin	1466.5	
Phil Warren	Portsmouth Aerocar	1361	
Ricky Bould	Westland Widgeon	1325.4	3rd
Stan Mauger	Fairchild Ranger	1280.7	
Reg Towell	Caudron Racer	1260.5	
Roy Summersby	Focke Wulf 152H	1260.5	
Keith Murray	Taylorcraft D-57	1221.7	





Phil Mitchells Sopwith 1 & 1/2 Strutter

Photo by Warren Leadbeatter



Richmond Field

Photo by Warren Leadbeatter



## Report on the NSW State Championships 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> June

The weather forecast was predicted and proved very accurate. Thursday and Friday was just perfect, Saturday and Sunday very good. Monday a blow out along with a little rain and this is just what happened. The powers to be decided to combined NSW and Victoria state champs meaning we could fly all the FAI classes not using the Monday which as it turned out was over the limit of 9meters per second.

### Saturday NSW F1B

In this we saw Terry, Vin, Bruce and Gary G, maxout Terry and Vin went on to do the six minutes in the late afternoon, Gary just missed out with 347 sec, Bruce forgot to change his DT and was down from good height in 274sec. Terry and Vin flew again next morning resulting with a win for Vin as Terry's model went out of sight.

### Sunday NSW F1A

Only two starters here, boy we certainly need more glider flyers.

Albert Fathers the only representative from Qld took the houners with 794 sec with Geoff Higgins a Victorian with 708 sec. Both were having the same type of timer trouble which might be related to the magnetic ground.

### NSW F1C

This event had the biggest field with seven starters. Surprisingly only two maxed out, Andrew Linwood and Mike Pettigrew. This competition had to be finished on the day as mentioned earlier Monday was going to be and was a right of. It was decided to take the time after a DT at 90sec, longest time to the ground wins. This resulted in a win for Andrew with 103sec and Mike with 91 sec

Overall it was a good weekend, Warren had the first flight of a brand new Dixielander which he had just finished, it flew straight of the board and Warren was very happy. He is also getting the art of launching F1Cs, he will be a threat in time. The Tamworth boys are getting more and more professional every time I see them, look out the world they are coming.

#### F1A

Albert Fathers	221 180 180 106 107	794
Geoff Higgins	218 110 180 85 115	708

#### F1B

Vin Morgan	180 180 180 180 180	360	?
Terry Bond	180 180 180 180 180	360	?
Gary Goodwin	180 180 180 180 180	347	
Bruce Hao	180 180 180 180 180	274	

#### F1C

Andrew Linwood	240 180 180 180 180	103	1063
Mike Pettigrew	240 180 180 180 180	91	1051
Roy Summersby	240 180 180 162 180	942	

Warren Leadbeatter	141 180 180 120 180	801
Shayne McDonald	224 180 180 180	764
Terry Bond	240	240
Shannon Tolmie	193	193

The weekend finished with a dinner at the Royal hotel on Sunday night. It was pleasing to see that everyone came along to enjoy the evening. It was also pleasing to have John Miles and his boys camping with us. They were there to see and experience how competition free flight models work and how they are tracked. The boys also assisted in timing and retrieval. The boys spent some time sport flying, both FF and radio.

The calm nights were just perfect for large bonfires and the trees that had died three years ago and recently been pushed into heaps were fired up. In total there were eleven fires burning, eight along the northern boundary, and three to the east. The Miles boys as well as the big boys just loved these fires. Slowly but surely we are improving the field. Over the next few seasons we hope to have the bulk of the surface rocks removed. A big task but it will happen.

Have a look at Warren's photos on the site below.

<https://flic.kr/s/aHsmEb71NA>



The Boys at West Wyalong

Photo by Warren Leadbeatter

## NSWFFS Contest & Fixture Calendar 2019

Date	Event	Venue	Time	C/D
July 19	General Meeting	Dundas Sport	7.30 pm	
Aug 4	Combined %, Multiple Entries.	Richmond	7.00am- 1.00pm	Bruce Hao
Aug 18	Scale Rally, P 30, Combined Vintage	Richmond	7:00am – 1:00pm	Tahn Stowe
Aug 24-25	Cowra Oily Hand Weekend	Cowra		
Sep 8	½ Hour Scramble +Fun Fly B-B-Q Lunch	Richmond BYO Food	7:00am – 1:00pm	John Corby
Sep 20	Annual General Meeting	Dundas Sport	7:30 pm	
Sep 22	Combined % 5 flights	Richmond	7.00am - 1.00pm	Matt Hannaford
Oct 6	Combined % Multiple Entries	Hinton	7:00am – 1:00pm	Gary Goodwin
Oct 25-27	Wings Over West Wyalong All Disciplines FUN FLY	W. Wyalong A.B.Field	7.00am-Till Dark	Plenty of Room for ALL
Nov 10	Bowden comp ROG details to come 1/2 Hour Scramble + Scale rally	Richmond	7:00am – 1:00pm	Peter Jackson
Nov 15	General meeting	Dundas Sport	7.30	
Nov 29	Friday Xmas Party	Richmond	7.00am – 1.00pm	Terry & Lyn
Dec 8	½ Hour Scramble, Combined Vintage with SAMS & Fun Fly.	Richmond BBQ Xmas	7:00am – 1:00pm Lunch BYO	Terry Bond FOOD