

# The Free Flighter

## Journal of the NSWFFS Inc

### March 2020



Hard Stand well under way

# Minutes of General Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Meeting opened: 7.32 pm at Dundas Sports Club. President Terry Bond in the chair.

Present: Roy Summersby, Reg Towell, Gary Goodwin, John Pennells, Michael Towell, Gary Pope, Phil Warren, Peter Scott, Gail Scott Geoff Potter

Apologies: Barry Lee

Guests: Lyn Towell,

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

Business Arising:

None

.Correspondence out:

Free Flighter, Loan App to MAAA, Quotes for Hot Mix

Correspondence in:

Fly Papers (3.) Quotes for hardstand from Civil Independence, MAAA Pres Meeting report, MAAA Loan, CLAS letter re Hard Stand, Cheque for Hard Stand, MAAA re Web address for 1<sup>st</sup> WW Nat's

Treasurers Report:

Moved, Phil Warren sec Gary Pope, carried

## TREASURERS REPORT NSWFFS 1<sup>st</sup> November to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019

Opening Balances

|                             |             |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| C.B.A – A/C No 229300901281 | \$31,756.11 |
| C.B.A - A/C No 233610409062 | \$316.29    |
| Opening Total               | \$32,072.40 |

|                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| C.B.A 1– Deposits | \$883.50    |
| C.B.A 2– Deposits | \$127.92    |
| C.B.A 1- Payments | \$12,627.62 |
| C.B.A – Payments  | \$173.96    |

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|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Balance as of 31/1018 C.B.A 1      | \$20,011.99 |
| Balance as of 31/1018 C.B.A 2      | \$150.25    |
| Closing Total Balance C.B.A. 1 & 2 | \$20,162.24 |

### General Business:

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Meting closed 8.40pm

Followed with discussion on the 1st West Wyalong National's.

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### Aeromodeller Index

We now have two Aeromodeller indexes to choose from; the first is Colin Usher's index 1935-2000 currently in printed form and resident at the house at West Wyalong, and one donated by Danny Maslowicz 1950-2020 which I hold on file. I can forward a copy on request.

Danny put a real lot of work into his as a result of a personal challenge when it was suggested that one person could compile a full index on their own. The data base format is MS access 2003 which should be readable in more current versions.

Danny has donated the work to the NSWFFS for members use but does not wish the index to be commercialised. It took Danny a mere five years to compile so thanks Danny a great job well done.

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Editorial March 2020

Hi Team, it's been a busy year already. Our plans are in place for the 1<sup>st</sup> WW National championships and the documentation has already commenced. Bookings have been made for McAllister and Perseverance ovals, and the indoor centre. The system is a lot different this year with no enforced registration at the indoor centre. Membership is checked by the registrar using the MAAA data to which he has access. Those members who have paid membership fees and the club has not yet sent the money to the MAAA only need to show evidence of payment.

The web page is up and running in a much simpler form than last year and we have Gary Pope to thank for his efforts here. Gary will continue to monitor any required amendments. We have one already in that open rubber will be programmed for day 2 Wednesday 8 July. The program and the entry form are included on the web page and we already have 7 entries recorded. We will have a publicity campaign and that will be managed by Gary Pope and coordinated by Sustainable marketing.

Roy Summersby and John Pennells went to WW last week to supervise the construction of the hard stand for control line flying. We now have a 54-metre diameter asphalt circle at WW. Roy will include more information in this free flighter with photos. Glass was also installed at the rear of the house in place of the leaky louvres.

On a sad note you may recall that Ted Burfein passed away very recently. I spoke with Sonya, his wife before the funereal and paid my respects. I was unable to attend but his funereal was streamed via the internet and is still available for viewing. Roy, Di and I watched the service. Shannon Tolme presented a short eulogy and represented the NSWFFS. It was pleasing to see several Queensland flyers attend the service.

In conversations with Ted prior to his death he wished to donate his free flight gear to the FFS. In the company of Shannon Tolme, we drove to Queensland last weekend and picked up his models and equipment. Included were several F1B models and components, balsa in various sizes, some carbon strips, coverings, and rubber strip in various sizes. These items will be available for purchase to all free flight modellers and the money raised will be used to improve the facilities at West Wyalong.

Adrian Bryant has also offered the FFS a cabinet for storing plans. This is a large piece of equipment and would require a two man lift and trailer to bring to WW. We need a volunteer with the right gear.

We had hoped to have some overseas visitors attend the Southern Cross Cup but that is not to be. We have had advice from Vasily that he was unable to obtain a visa to come to Australia. He is unsure of the reason but quoted the corona virus travel restrictions as a possible reason.

That's about all folks, if you have any stories or advertisements for any future free flighters please sent them to Roy Summersby.

Terry Bond  
President NSWFFS

## Next Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> March

This will be on Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> March 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. I have booked the Dundas Sports Club for our meetings for the year 2020.

## Hard Stand

Yes the long awaited hard stand is done, that is the hot mix has been laid. A 54 meter Dia circle was made last Friday, and it looks very good to me. The next step in this project is to get the safety fence erected. This we intend to by using the tennis court fencing. I only propose to fence one side (spectator side) and around one bay (3.00m) on the ends. For this little job we will need man power and that is one person would be carrying one pole each over to the site where it will be stood up on stakes. We hope to program this in before the 1<sup>st</sup> West Wyalong Nationals.

## Dust like Never Before

John Pennells and I arrived at the house last Thursday to be greeted by more dust than one could imagine. The house was full of red dust, how it gets into a locked house is hard to understand. Asking the locals, we find out that West Wyalong had a major dust / wind storm which was unprecedented. On the plus side we have had 90mm of rain on the property and our water tanks are near full. The dams are full, the grass is growing the sheep are happy and the whole property is starting to look very good. To help solve the dust problem, the old louvers on the rear of the house have now been replaced with fixed comfort glass, this will help keep the dust and the heat out (see photo) In time this will happen on the side louver windows, helping the dust problem in the sleeping areas. Thanks to Atlas windows, we now have the windows just waiting for the instillation.

## Free Flight Down Under

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.

To receive your copy of Free Flight Down Under, get in touch with AFFS treasurer, Albert Fathers on 0451164158 or [fathersplace@smartchat.net.au](mailto:fathersplace@smartchat.net.au)

## Friends of West Wyalong

Yes we do have some.

For all of you out there who are friends of West Wyalong, it is that time of the year to re-join. 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.

## Friends and Support

Once again we have had support from modelers both past and present in the form of goods that we convert to cash money. Stan Hinds donated a box of engines that he knew he would never use again, these I have sold through Ebay and raised \$794 after eBay and pay pal expenses. I now have a large quantity of engines from the Jim McFall estate. Jim was a regular sight at our meetings, a keen scramble flyer and always traveled to Nationals with Ivor, passed away some twelve months ago, and we were surprised at what he had. With the unexpected death of Ted Burfein in Queensland, Sonya his wife has passed on Big Ted's goodies for us to sell. Proceeds from both of these donations will be going for the development of West Wyalong as they requested. These goods will be available to members at a fare price, or will be sold on Ebay. Due to the quantity it will be months before all is sold. Ebay sales will start in earnest once the AFFS champs and our SCC competitions are over.

## Fence / Body Protection

The top barbed wire strand on the north boundary of the property now has a plastic pipe covering on every 5<sup>th</sup> panel. The eastern fence has one on every 10<sup>th</sup> panel. This enables one to push the wire down and get across without leaving any major body parts on the wire. I had been looking for a solution to the barbed wire for sometime now I have found it.

## Stop Press

Our March the 8<sup>th</sup> flying day at Richmond which included the state champs for P30 plus combined was cancelled due to rain. These events will now be held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March along with the state champs for scramble. There is a B-B-Q lunch planned, so bring along your food and drink, table and chair.

## AFFS Championships

This major Australian competition event starts on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April at Narrandera if you intend to go you should get your entry in ASAP.

## Southern Cross Cup

We hold this event straight after the AFFS comps, 11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> April at the AB field West Wyalong. We also run open power and open rubber for those that don't fly the FAI events. It is a good chance to see the top flyers and models performing as well as helping out.

You can also bring along anything you might wish to fly, everyone is welcome.

Dogs must be on a lead at ALL times

## Jets at Richmond

Seen at Richmond, Roy Summersby and John Corby with their ducted fan jets. Both have been built from the original Veron kit plans. Both will be using electric fan motors and hopefully we can see both in the air together, that would be something.

## Major Competitions Coming up

### State Champs for both NSW & Victoria

June 6<sup>th</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup> are the dates set down for these, as normal both NSW & Vic will run F1A,B,&C NSW will also run open power and open rubber. Once again all welcome.

## Scale Trans Tasman Weekend

3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> July Richmond

## 1st West Wyalong Nationals

7th to 15<sup>th</sup> July West Wyalong

## Work list for West Wyalong

1. Fence and shade at control line circle
2. Sheet out laundry, to keep out dust, build wall, & paint
3. Install water heater
4. Replace louvers on southern side
5. Veranda roof front (build hip)
6. Strip wall paper in lounge & paint
7. Strip wallpaper in Bed 1 & paint
8. Fit better light in lounge (hall)

Tributes for Ted Burfein.

From Kerry Ewart.

Ted and I Met in 1977 ish when we were both were flying CL at the Lawnton state school with a club called "Snoopies Flying Circus" I remember we had 4 or so members and use to fly every fortnight.

Ted had this all plywood Pilot Cessna that only ever managed to get off the ground about 3 feet (way too heavy and underpowered) but it taught him to fly.

He then moved from St Pauls school to where I was at Pine Rivers high in year 11.

By then snoopy's had folded and we all went to fly at the "star dusters" field at Zillmere ( next to the old Kelly'S wrecking yard on beams road),

Over the next 5 or so years we drifted off with jobs, study etc. ,Ted went on to study drafting and do some work for his dad ,

We always seem to catch up though and fly some CL .

We use to fly some fun races back the called "Benbix" now its an Australian contest far from what it started,,

I was the pit man for Ted every now and again at our monthly competitions ,from memory a carl goldberg shoe-string with an enya 29 or 35.

I won my first ever CL trophy with Ted at the 1984 state champs( Class 2 team race ,Taipan 21 powered model) still have the trophy (pic enclosed).

We sort of drifted apart then, Ted went on to do more study more then worked in ayre for a long time.

We always seem to catch up when he was home.

Over the following years ,Ted dabbled in F2C team race and F2a speed, he went to a couple of world champs in the 1990's and Represented Australia in F2A speed his models being flown by the then Frank Sutherland.

Ted was a mate of over 40 years. in the later years though we always seemed to have a call or a message every now and then.

He will be sadly missed

## Tributes for Ted Burfein

I first met him in Rockhampton in 1981 when we started mechanical engineering studies.

His nickname became 'Roo-Ted'.

He was into circuit racing bicycles a bit during this time at Rockhampton. Local Kenrick Tucker (Olympic cyclist) trained there around the same time I think.

I found out he was into CL, I wanted to get into RC and we both ended up in Gladstone for 10 weeks at Xmas 1981 for work experience so he taught me to build off plans. (A Piper Cub and a 2m glider)

We got the glider going with hand tow launch on the salt flats around Gladstone, the glider flew well except for the pilot inputs I recall. Both models served me well for several years.

I recall seeing Ted's CL speed models and stacks of parts for them around that time.

Kerry Ewart in Brisbane may know more of his CL days. (Kerry is cc into this email and I have asked him to pen a few notes as possible.)

Ted ended up not completing mech eng and moved to other studies (Civil Eng)

I met up with him again when we both were working in Central Qld. By that stage I had learned to fly so I taught him to fly RC (old timers – see pic, Middlemount Model Club circa 1990)

He went back to uni and did environmental engineering, then ended up working in Central North Qld.

I ended up working in Brisbane and bumped into him at a local shop and a few months he came and worked with me in an engineering consultancy in 2009 to 2014.

At that time his interest was FF and his shed was stacked high with FF kits, balsa etc.

More recently he worked back in CQ, but returned to Brisbane in late 2019 and was diagnosed with stage 4 Esophageal cancer which was diagnosed on 10 January this year.

Ted effectively started me off in model aircraft, so I think he is to 'blame' for my RC pylon racing obsession. (I have now been to 4 WCs, team placed 4<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and currently 2<sup>nd</sup>) so his legacy will live on!

Tony Singleton AUS33555




Kerry Ewart

Ted Burfein





**John Corby holding his F86 Sabre and Roy Summersby's Lavochkin. Both planes are ducted fan models.**



Rear windows have been replaced on the house at West Wyalong. The house is looking good.



Packing down the Hard Stand



# SOUTHERN CROSS CUP

11 - 13 April 2020



## World Cup - Open International for F1A, F1B and F1C also Open Power and Open Rubber

**Information**

**Entry Fees**            Registration Fee \$10.00  
                               Open Power & Open Rubber \$10.00 each  
                               World Cup events ( F1A, F1B, F1C ) pay \$30 once to enter any or all F1 classes  
                               There are no entry fees for Juniors

**Send entries to:** Roy Summersby, 132 The Esplanade, Umina Beach, NSW 2257 AUSTRALIA.  
 Please make cheques or money orders payable to NSWFFS Inc in \$A.  
 Prior entry AND payment by the **25<sup>th</sup> March 2020**. Late entry fee \$20.  
 Overseas entrants may pay on the field.

F1A, F1B & F1C are World Cup Events. We need timekeepers for each pole, and we need your help.  
 Please indicate if you can assist with timekeeping or CD'ing any event.

**Enquiries:**            [roydi132@optusnet.com.au](mailto:roydi132@optusnet.com.au)

Name: .....FAI number: .....

Address: .....

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Tel: .....E-mail: .....

Mobile No: .....

Timekeeping: Yes / No ..... CD'ing Yes / No.....

| Event        | Fee          | Amount |
|--------------|--------------|--------|
| F1A          | \$30         |        |
| F1B          | \$30         |        |
| F1C          | \$30         |        |
| Open Power   | \$10         |        |
| Open Rubber  | \$10         |        |
| REGISTRATION | \$10         | \$10   |
|              | <b>TOTAL</b> |        |



# SOUTHERN CROSS CUP

11 - 13 April 2020  
West Wyalong NSW



World Cup - Open International for F1A, F1B and F1C  
also Open Power and Open Rubber

## PROGRAM AND VENUE DETAILS

|                                 |                                              |                          |                    |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> April | <i>F1B</i>                                   | <i>5 x 1 hour rounds</i> | <i>0800 - 1300</i> |
|                                 | <i>Open Power</i>                            | <i>3 flights</i>         | <i>0800 - 1300</i> |
| Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> April   | <i>Fly-offs for F1B and Open Power</i>       |                          | <i>0730</i>        |
|                                 | <i>F1A</i>                                   | <i>5 x 1 hour rounds</i> | <i>0800 - 1300</i> |
|                                 | <i>F1C</i>                                   | <i>5 x 1 hour rounds</i> | <i>0800 - 1300</i> |
|                                 | <i>Open Rubber</i>                           | <i>3 flights</i>         | <i>0800 - 1300</i> |
| Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April   | <i>Fly-offs for F1A, F1C and Open Rubber</i> |                          | <i>0730</i>        |

*NSWFFS AB Field is located at 1390 Clear Ridge Road West Wyalong and will be signposted*

### Information

1. WORLD CUP EVENTS - are flown from a flight line in five one hour rounds. Please assist by volunteering to time keep.
2. Fly-offs will be organized after the event (start time, CD and timekeepers) but held the following morning. Durations for F1A, B & C will be 10 minutes. For other events unlimited (conditions permitting).
3. OPEN EVENTS - are 3 flights to a 3 minute max with no rounds and one unlimited fly-off the next day.
4. Radio dethermalization (RDT) is allowed in all events.
5. PLACE GETTERS' models, lines, motors etc. may be processed. There will be spot checks and check timekeeping on the field.
6. All Competitors must be in possession of a current MAAA/FAI licence.
7. Motorized retrieval by car, motorcycle, pedal and electric bicycle is allowed. Smoking on the field is not allowed. If you smoke in a car the doors have to be closed.
8. Camping is allowed on the field with prior notification.
9. Sunrise at West Wyalong on 11 April 2020 is at 06:31. Sunset 17:53.

## \* NSWFFS Contest & Fixture Calendar 2020 \*

| Date       | Event                                                                                                 | Venue                            | Time                             | C/D                    |  |
|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|--|
| Mar 22     | State Champs Scramble + Combined % Control Line flying, BBQ Lunch                                     | Richmond<br>BYO Food             | 7.00am-1.00pm                    | Terry Bond             |  |
| Apr 2-8    | AFFS Champs                                                                                           | Narrandera                       | See FFDU                         |                        |  |
| Apr 11-13  | Southern Cross Cup 11 <sup>th</sup> F1A, C & O/R. 12 <sup>th</sup> F1B & O/P 13 <sup>th</sup> Reserve | W Wyalong                        | 8.00am-1.00pm                    | Dave Thomas            |  |
| May 15     | General Meeting                                                                                       | Dundas Sport                     | 7.30 pm                          |                        |  |
| May 16-17  | Veteran's Gathering                                                                                   | Muswell-brook                    |                                  |                        |  |
| June 6-8   | NSW State Champs F1A, B, C, O/Power ,O/Rubber + Victorian States Champs for A,B,C                     | W. Wyalong<br>A B Field          | 8.00am-1.00pm                    | Dave Thomas            |  |
| June 14    | Scale Practice                                                                                        | Richmond                         | 7.00am-1.00pm                    | Jim Christie           |  |
| July 3-4-5 | Scale Rally Weekend. Scale comp Sat 4th, Sun 5th ½ Hour scramble, Fun Fly C/L flying & BBQ Lunch      | Richmond<br>Saturday<br>BYO Food | 7.00am till dark<br>Trans Tasman | Phil Warren            |  |
| July 7-15  | 1 <sup>st</sup> West Wyalong National Champs                                                          | W Wyalong                        |                                  |                        |  |
| July 17    | General Meeting                                                                                       | Dundas Sport                     | 7.30 pm                          |                        |  |
| Aug 2      | State Champs F1G,H,J (Combined)                                                                       | Richmond                         | 7.00am- 1.00pm                   | Bruce Hao              |  |
| Aug 16     | Scale Rally, P 30, Combined Vintage                                                                   | Richmond                         | 7:00am – 1:00pm                  | R. Summersby           |  |
| Aug 28-30  | Cowra Oily Hand Weekend                                                                               | Cowra                            |                                  |                        |  |
| Sep 13     | ½ Hour Scramble +Fun Fly B-B-Q Lunch                                                                  | Richmond<br>BYO Food             | 7:00am – 1:00pm                  | John Corby             |  |
| Sep 18     | Annual General Meeting                                                                                | Dundas Sport                     | 7:30 pm                          |                        |  |
| Sep 20     | Combined % 5 flights                                                                                  | Richmond                         | 7.00am - 1.00pm                  | Peter Scott            |  |
| Oct 4      | Combined % Multiple Entries                                                                           | Hinton                           | 7:00am – 1:00pm                  | Gary Goodwin           |  |
| Oct 23-25  | Wings Over West Wyalong All Disciplines FUN FLY                                                       | W. Wyalong<br>A.B.Field          | 7.00am-Till Dark                 | Plenty of Room for ALL |  |
| Nov 15     | Bowden comp ROG details to come 1/2 Hour Scramble + Scale rally                                       | Richmond                         | 7:00am – 1:00pm                  | Peter Jackson          |  |
| Nov 20     | General meeting                                                                                       | Dundas Sport                     | 7.30                             |                        |  |
| Nov 27     | Friday Xmas Party                                                                                     | Richmond                         | 7.00am – 1.00pm                  | Terry & Lyn            |  |
| Dec 6      | ½ Hour Scramble, Combined Vintage with SAMS & Fun Fly.                                                | Richmond<br>BBQ Xmas             | 7:00am – 1:00pm<br>Lunch BYO     | Terry Bond<br>FOOD     |  |

Notes All scrambles start at 8.00am