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Isolation at its best

Waiting for the fog to clear

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TREASURERS REPORT NSWFFS

1^s January to 28th February 2020

Opening Balances

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| C.B.A – A/C No 229300901281 | \$20,011.91 |
| C.B.A - A/C No 233610409062 | \$150.25 |
| Opening Total | \$20,162.24 |

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| C.B.A 1– Deposits | \$3439.00 |
| C.B.A 2– Deposits | \$0.00 |
| C.B.A 1- Payments | \$1,270.10 |
| C.B.A – Payments | \$0,00 |

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| Balance as of 31/1018 C.B.A 1 | \$22,180.89 |
| Balance as of 31/1018 C.B.A 2 | \$150.25 |
| Closing Total Balance C.B.A. 1 & 2 | \$22,331.14 |

Editorial May 2020 - Our 15 May General Meeting is Cancelled

Hi Team, I certainly hope isolation restrictions are not impairing your sense of humour or your ability to keep yourself occupied. I still have plenty of balsa, but glue is a little short. I am sure a quick phone call to Kelletts will fix that.

No meeting again for May, restrictions have not been eased enough to have group meetings. It also means that the field is not quite open for large gatherings as well. I have heard that some members have used the field, but social distancing has been observed and short distances travelled. In restricted terms it is called exercise.

Not a lot of news to spread but I am not aware that any of our members have contracted the dreadful virus. It appears that it does not affect the younger group as much as older people. New March nursing home is a terrifying example of the danger this virus presents.

On a happier note Roy has been selling 'stuff' donated to us on eBay and these sales have been steadily increasing our bank balance. We have recently written an article for FFDU and Wingspan asking for donations of gear which is no longer used or required by the owner which we can sell and raise money to improve the facilities at West Wyalong. In the last 2 months Roy has managed to list and sell on eBay about 130 items from different donors.

A recent acquisition has been the 54m bitumen control line circle at the West Wyalong field, but you are probably already aware of that. This was financed by CLAS \$25k, \$15k as a short-term loan ex MAAA taken out over 5 years, and the balance to by NSWFFS about \$14k. A request for a club grant to build a shed close to that circle has been submitted and we will await the results. They should be published in July after the MAAA executive has made the decision on distribution of funds.

Adrian Bryant has recently offered us a plans cabinet complete with many Australian plans included. We are currently arranging to have this shipped to Sydney for subsequent transport to West Wyalong. Thanks Adrian.

A few years ago, Peter Braid cornered the market on P30 props. Roy recently contacted Peter and we have arranged to purchase these from him. That was always the arrangement, but time gets away sometimes. Peter has been busy working and will eventually return to the fold; also heard that John Braid is still well and with us. I will look forward to seeing both when the wind changes direction.

By the by, I took my own suggestion and have been through my cupboards and given Roy nine kits not required and a few bits of hardware for sale. With a bit of luck my "rubbish" will turn into dollars for a part improvement at WW.

Two more bits of info for you; the Veterans gathering normally held in May has now been postponed to 15 November and the decision to hold the NSW and Vic state champs will be made on 18 May.

The notice for the cancellation of the 1st West Wyalong National championships was distributed through the MAAA portal at the end of April. Some members did not receive this notice, perhaps the data base at Sustainable Marketing, the distributor of this information, has not been updated. I will investigate and report.

I hope that all members are safe and healthy.

President NSWFFS

Terry Bond



Phil Warren's been busy with trains and planes.

Some of my building during our enforced break. first an Atalante GB10 a French aircraft from 1930's. Second a scientific brand kit scale Taylor cub, also an indoor model (no photo). I then took a break from aircraft and built a mini model railway layout with mostly left overs from my large layout. The buildings are cardboard printed on inkjet, cut and glued.





2 more of Phils models





A couple of
jets from Roy
Summersby
and John Corby





Obviously not finished but getting closer





Hey Terry,

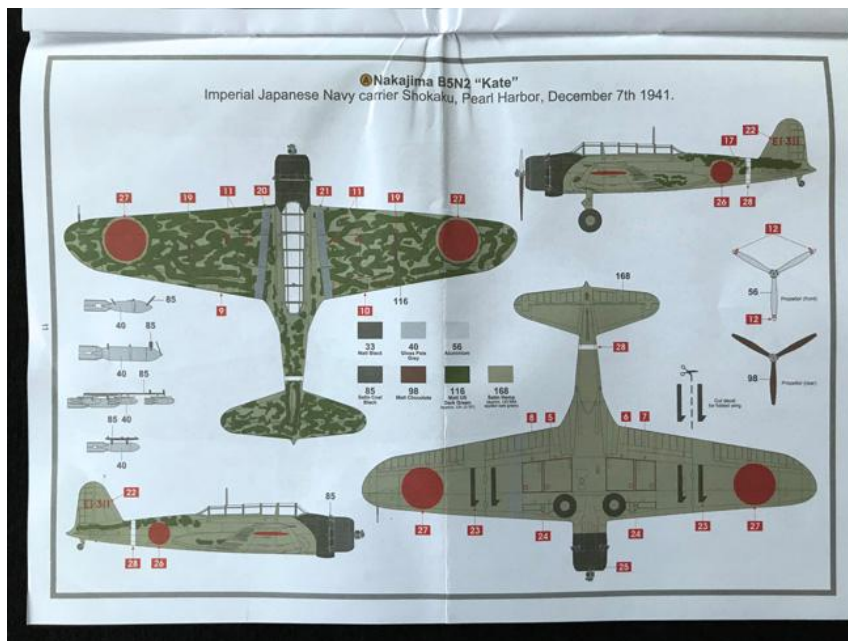
How's it going?

All that remains is to carve some props and cover/finish it.

Have you ever used tissue paper made by a company called Dumas? They have some good colours but never heard of them.

Show me your latest builds, keen to see that float plane when its done!

Sam.



I ended up deviating from the plan in a lot of areas of the build and did some extra bits like making a sketch of the engine which needs to be scaled down to fit. Debating whether to create some detail for inside the cockpit, do you normally include some control panels/ pilots in your scale aircraft?





I made this cup of coffee. The mess around it was also my creation.



I modified this plastic tub by creatively cerating the top lip with a pair of pliers. Something of a pity it is partly obscured as it is truly exquisite.



bag. I know, right?

I filled this plastic tub with aircraft stuff as well as the reusable shopping



Here's another shot of it with something I like to call "Toilet Roll Thingy in a bag" in the background. The basket in the rear is my wife's attempt at art, she's a hack obviously. Before you ask, yes, we do amaze ourselves occasionally.

Steve Buckpit's Models



Gary Goodwin's
Tiny Sniffer under
Construction
Bambi powered.





Terry's finished Wakefield



Scramble Day at Richmond



