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**Roy flying his Big Scale Model at West Wyalong**

## MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING 16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022

### Meeting opened:

7.30 Dundas Sports Club President Terry Bond in the chair

Present: Roy Summersby, Peter Scott, Gail Scott, Phil Warren, Geoff Potter, Keith Murry, Gary Pope, John Pennells.

### Apologies:

Barry Lee, L Booth, Gary Goodwin, Aaron Booth, Michael Towell

### Guests:

none

### Minutes of previous meeting:

Moved Peter Scott sec John Pennells

### Business Arising:

Work at AB field West Wyalong, RC fence, Step, Painting.to happen next month

Nationals' notifications to go out

### Correspondence out:

Free Flighter, Friday notices, Notice of Scale rally in November, pamphlet's distributed at Cowra.

### Correspondence In:

Vic Flypaper, Elec A/C, Notice of Qld State Champs still undecided.

## TREASURERS REPORT NSWFFS

1<sup>st</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022

Opening Balances

C.B.A – A/C No 229300901281	\$18,741.93
C.B.A - A/C No 233610409062	\$224.05
Opening Total CBA 1&2	\$18,967.98

C.B.A 1– Deposits	\$6995.00
C.B.A 2– Deposits	0.00
C.B.A 1- Payments	\$12,820.88
C.B.A 2- Payments	\$0.33

Closing Balances

CBA-No1	\$12,916.05
CBA-No2	\$223.72
Total Closing Balances CBA- 1 & 2	\$13,139.77

Moved, Geoff Potter, sec Keith Murry, treasure report be accepted, carried

## General Business:

Roy reported on the gold exploration at West Wyalong no news in the last two months.

Road in to property is in need of repair, will be attended to as soon as dry enough.

Terry spoke of the CASA applications; we should start working on this now.

Scale day at Richmond is the 15<sup>th</sup> October 25<sup>th</sup> Note this is a Saturday. This includes the reg Jude trophy

Notice for the big scale rally to be held at West Wyalong on the 5<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> November. Notices have gone out.

Letters of interest to go out to interest groups re the holding of a 2<sup>nd</sup> West Wyalong Nationals.

Road into Richmond is in a shocking state council has been advised.

Engine has been installed at West Wyalong.

## Meeting closed 8.32pm

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Meeting Opened at 8.40pm. Attendance per General meeting.

Nominations had been received for all positions no changes have been made this year.

Terry presented an annual report, this was published in the newsletter.

A report was submitted by the Chief Flying instructor below;

Due to Covid and other restrictions only one MAAA instructors' course has been held in the past two years. It was held at Moruya NSW; April 2021 and five instructors were put through the MAAA endorsed refresher training and all successfully passed the written and refresher training. Two of the five were from NSWFFS, two from ANSW, and one from ACT. All are now qualified until 2026. Signed Mike Ward.

The President's annual report was emailed to members a week earlier.

The annual treasures report was presented it shows that we are in a reasonably good financial position

We have been spending wisely and within our means. It was suggested that a simpler annual report should be made.

Roy asked the members present if they were happy to continue with a similar flying program for 2021, this was agreed.

The 2022-2023 elected Committee, and their positions.

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Meeting closed 9.50pm.

Hi Team, if you did not already know our registrar and good friend Barry Lee died in Fairfield hospital about two weeks ago. Prior to our scale contest at West Wyalong I had been trying to email Barry without reply and that was unusual. I found out from his daughter Jess, visiting from Queensland, that Barry had had a fall, contracted an infection and had been admitted for treatment. Barry's wife Margaret was also in the same hospital in the next bed. I managed to visit Barry as did a number of his friends. I did not realize how poor his condition was.

Barry was our registrar for many years and was a very quiet operator. His history in aeromodelling commenced in 1950 when he built a rubber powered 'Wirraway' which unfortunately never flew. His interest increased in 1951 when he met Ivor F and his interest never waned. He flew many different models including free flight, control line and radio control.

In the sixties Barry became the secretary of the Southern Cross model Club, ultimately becoming the whole committee, and started the Free flight Down Under with Alan Edwards. He served in many voluntary positions on the NSWAA then the NSWFFS.

Thanks to those who visited Barry while he was in hospital, especially John Corby who arrived only hours after Barry's death and spoke to Barry's wife Margaret.

The details for Barry's funeral are as follows:

Tuesday 22 Nov at 13:30  
White Lady Funerals Liverpool Chapel,  
124-128 Elizabeth Drive, Liverpool

I will advise a link to the service for those who cannot attend as soon as it is available.

Other news; The scale weekend was down on attendance due to closed roads and possible inclement weather but it was still good fun. There is a separate report in this Free Flighter.

I visited a friend in Victoria recently and I now have a F1H for giveaway. Needs wing recovering but otherwise complete. Free to good runner.

Department of Fair trading has indicated changes to Non-Profit Organization's constitutions and we are included. There are no significant changes but we do need to include our Objects in the new constitution. We will discuss this at our next meeting.

Our Friday Christmas party is on 25 November, don't forget. Bring a glass for your champagne. For Phil Warren we will not have peanut butter or fairy bread.

Our next general meeting will be on 20 January 2023. This one will be at the usual place; Dundas Sport Club commencing 7.30pm

Merry Christmas everybody and a happy new year. See you at West Wyalong soon.

Terry Bond  
President NSWFFS



Barry Lee  
MAAA Hall of Fame

## NEWS & INFORMATION

### Next Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> November

This will be a general meeting held at the Dundas Sports Club starting at 7.30pm.

### MAAA News

If you haven't paid your fees by now you are unfinancial, get them in quick just \$120 pay it into NSWFFS BSB 062 293 A/C 0090 1281 Please put your name on the transfer.

75th Anniversary badges and stickers arrived in time for the Scale weekend and we have some left over, get yours at the meeting or on the field at Richmond.

MAAA provided us with \$150 to help promote the 75th year. This money was put towards supplying free sausages and onion sandwiches at lunch for the flyers. The sausages were bought at the local butchers and were considered the very best. Thanks to MAAA and the cook.

### Still Wanted

One or two copies of Kenneth J Burkes book, Politics & Personalities in Australian Aeromodelling. I would like to educate some of the MAAA council that show some interest in our past. They can have my copy, but not for a few more years yet, I hope. If you have one and would like to sell it, please let me know. Roy.

### Wings Over West Wyalong BIG SCALE WEEKEND



This turned out not to be as big as we were expecting. Due to bad forecasts on the weather, flooded roads, damaged roads, and quite a few cases of covid where they used their wise judgement and stayed at home. Saying all that we still had flyers from Victoria, ACT, Qld as well as a good number from NSW. I am pleased to say that all disciplines were represented in scale. The large RC scale aircraft were certainly making use of the sky. The C/L scale boys enjoyed the hard stand, it seemed a joy to be able to take off using up three quarters of the circle and again on landing before coming to a stop. There was quite a bit of

free flight activity happening in the early mornings from ducted fan to rubber models. At the dinner Saturday night there was a number of prizes given out for all sorts of activities by the flyers. Most of these were donated by Kellett's Hobbies from Liverpool. Summing up it was a good weekend considering the problems.





Reg Towell



Prizes supplied by Kelletts Hobbies and NSWFFS

Over the weekend Australia acquired a new F1C flyer, Murray Wilson from Victoria made his first F1C launches. Murray will be a threat to us all in the very near future. He has three competitive models and is starting to get together the support gear, well done Murray.



## Engines, Models, Engines and even more Models



Since the last meeting we have sold enough engines to cover our out lay with plenty more to go. We have also been given a number of engines and models from what is most likely the oldest MAAA member, Howard Field. Howard, is I believe 96 and has just had to go into a nursing home. He was a radio flyer with the Wyong River club but for the last few years has not been very active. He has kindly donated us his models, and engines. I hope to have a story of Howards modelling history written by his daughter in the next issue. If you want to

have a go at control line or RC, now is your chance, and you don't even have to build a model. There are plenty to pick from.

## 2023 Program

You will find the 2030 program in this newsletter. NOW is the time to mark down the special dates on your diary, that is, weekends away, as well as special events.

## Friday Christmas Party

This is on the 24th November on the field at Richmond. As normal this is a morning sort of breakfast, food and drinks provided. It is wise to bring your chair, glass and parking money.



## **Sunday Christmas Party**

This is on the 4th December. 8.00am start with a ½ hour scramble along with Combined Vintage with SAMs followed by a B-B-Q lunch and fun fly, C/L, Radio, and Fee Flight.

## **Sunday 13th November**

This was the postponed cat, and hand launch glider state champs along with combined %.

A few of us flew the percentage and it was taken out with an E36 followed by an E20 a power model coming in third place.

The chuck glider etc was run by Len Surtees and Geoff Hungerford and our thanks must go to them. Prizes were donated by Len who is actively promoting these events. There is a separate report on the day by Geoff in this newsletter.

## **Working Bee AB Field**

If I can get a few starters I would like to have a working bee at the AB field on the weekend

Friday 9th to Sunday 11th December. As normal there is plenty that can be done from putting the sign back on the front gate to fixing the road in. You don't have to have a Uni degree; you can be taught on the job. Other jobs can include wiring the steel mesh at the hard stand, washing the outside of the house, cutting grass, slashing grass, painting, doing a tip run, plenty to fill in a few days. Give it some thought and let Roy know ASAP. We could even get a bit of flying in if the weathers kind.

## NSWFFS CONTEST & FIXTURE CALENDAR 2023

Date	Event	Venue	Time	Contact
Dec 28- 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	New year get together. Fun flying any model.	W. Wyalong AB Field		
Jan 15	Combined%, ½ hr Walking Scramble	Richmond		R. Summersby
Jan 20	General Meeting	Dundas Sport	7:30pm	
Feb 5	Combined F1 G, H, J, P30 + Scale Fun Fly	Richmond	7:00am – 1:00pm	Peter Scott
Feb 19	State Champs P30 & E36. + Combined Vintage.	Richmond	7.00 – 1.00pm	Gary Pope
Mar 12	State Champs Scramble & HLG/ CLG. + Combined %, Control Line & BBQ Lunch.	Richmond BYO Food	7.00am-1.00pm	Michael Towell
Mar17	General Meeting	Dundas Sport	7.30 pm	
Apr 16-20	AFFS Champs See FFDU Program Southern Cross Cup for F1A, B, C	Narrandera	See FFDU	AFFS Committee
Apr 21-23	AFFS continued at WW 21 <sup>st</sup> Combined Vintage, E36, 22nd F1 G, H, J, P30 & indoor. 23rd Combined % & HLG/CLG/TLG See FFDU Program Evening Presentation Dinner	W Wyalong  Farm House	8.00am-1.00pm See FFDU  6.00 PM	AFFS Committee
Apr 22	Ivor F & M Hammond Trophy Scramble 1 HR Scramble to MAAA Rules.	W Wyalong	4:00pm – 5:00pm	Aaron Booth & T Stowe.
May 7	E36 + Combined Vintage	Richmond		Aaron Booth
May 19	General Meeting	Dundas Sport	7.30pm	
June 3-5	NSW State Champs F1A, B, C, O/Power, O / Rubber + Victorian States Champs for A, B, C	W. Wyalong A B Field	8.00am-1.00pm	See separate program
June 18	State Champs F1G, H, J + E36	Richmond	7.00am-1.00pm	R. Summersby
June 30 <sup>th</sup> Flying 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Scale Rally, + Trans Tasman, Scale Judging Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Flying. Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> ½ Hour scramble, Fun Fly C/L flying & BBQ Lunch	Richmond Sunday BYO Food & Drink	7.00am till dark Trans Tasman	Phil Warren
July 21	General Meeting	Dundas Sport	7.30 pm	
July 29-30	Midwinter Mini Maxout 2 Min Max Models (See separate program)	West Wyalong AB Field	8.00am- 2.00pm	Shayne McDonald
Aug 13	Scale Rally, P 30, Combined Vintage	Richmond	7:00 – 1.00pm	R. Summersby
Aug 25-27	Cowra Oily Hand Weekend	Cowra		
Sep 10	½ Hour Walking Scramble + Fun Fly & B-B-Q Lunch	Richmond BYO Food	7:00am – 1:00pm	John Corby
Sep 15	Annual General Meeting	Dundas Sport	7:30 pm	
Sep 24	Combined % 5 flights + E36	Richmond	7.00am - 1.00	Peter Scott
Oct 8	Combined % Multiple Entries	Richmond	7:00am - 1:00	Gary Goodwin
Oct 27-29	Scale Over West Wyalong. All Disciplines Scale Rally. Plus General Flying of all types of models	W. Wyalong A.B. Field	7.00am - Till Dark	Plenty of Room for ALL
Nov 12	Scale Rally +Fun Fly	Richmond	7:00am - 1:00pm	Peter Jackson
Nov 17	General meeting	Dundas Sport	7.30 pm	
Nov 24	Friday Xmas Party	Richmond	7.00am - 1.00pm	Terry & Lyn
Dec 3	½ Hour Xmas Scramble. Combined Vintage with SAMS & Fun Fly. BBQX Munch BYO Food.	Richmond	7:00am - 1:00pm	Aaron Booth

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