

The Free Flighter  
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Farewell to old Friends

# Minutes of General Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Meeting opened: 7.30pm President Terry Bond in the chair.

## Present

Barry Lee, Terry Bond, Ed Mahoney , Jim Mc Fall, Roy Summersby, Gary Pope, Walter Bolliger, George Atkinson , Gary Goodwin, Phil Warren, Tahn Stowe, Reg & Lyn Towell, Michel Towell, Geoff Potter, John Pennells,

## Apologies

Matt Hannaford

## Visitors

Allison Noonan, Bob Marshall

## Minutes of previous meeting:

Minutes accepted as a true record: moved Ed Mahoney, sec Gary Goodwin

## Business arising:

None

## Correspondence In:

Fly Paper (3), MAAA Presidents meeting on 5th November to be held in Melbourne.

## Correspondence Out:

The Free Flighter November

## Treasury Report

### NSWFFS Inc

#### Treasurers Report - 1 Sept - 31 Oct 2016

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<b>OPENING BALANCE - 1 September 2016</b>	
CBA	\$12,821.05
ST George	\$6,443.67
ST George Term Deposit	\$10,045.66
	<b>\$29,310.38</b>
<b>Add : DEPOSITS</b>	\$4,258.88
<b>Less : PAYMENTS</b>	\$2,571.46
CBA	\$14,440.34
ST George	\$6,444.10
St George Term Deposit	\$10,113.36
<b>CLOSING BALANCE - 31 October 2015</b>	<b>\$30,997.80</b>
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## General Business

Roof maintenance is required on the house, Gary Goodwin and Roy Summersby to inspect and report.

Report on Wings Over West Wyalong. This was a great success judging by the feedback that we have had, we will run again next year.

Bob Marshal has donated a ride on mower along with two hand mowers which will tie us over for a short time.

Christmas party 11<sup>th</sup> December will also have ceremonies for the spreading of ashes for Brian Alcock and Kevin Davies.

It's proposed that we take a short term loan from the MAAA to finance work at West Wyalong. The works could include, such items as a new mower, extra shade, road works, site preparation of control line and radio sites ready for the laying of the artificial grass, (this we have on site), renewing the front entrance (gates), and another toilet block that we will need for both Wings Over West Wyalong and the 2018 Nationals which we hope to host. Roy will obtain quotes for these works. The loan would be paid back to MAAA through the MAAA club assistance scheme next July.

Roy gave a report on the MAAA presidents meeting.

Hall of Fame Award 2<sup>nd</sup> F1C World Championships 2015

MAAA might have to spend big dollars fighting CASA and Government on the drone issues which are now involving all model flying; this is going to a senate enquiry.

Discussion on the survey results.

The proposed Museum has been dropped due to the survey results

Roy presented council with our 2018 Nat's information; this was well received and should get passed in May.

More talk on direct membership registration.

Meeting closed 8.42pm NOTE these minutes are for members only.

## Next Meeting

20<sup>th</sup> January 2017 7.30pm

Rosehill Bowling Club

Cr Hassall St & James Ruse Drive

Buffet style meals are available for those who wish to dine before the meeting.

## Editorial Jan 2017

Hi Team, another year gone by and just as fast as the last 50 or so. I just don't know how many times I have said this! 2016 was a good year, as they all are of course. The Friday party went well and Pauline (the owner) was able to join us for a short while. The food was fabulous as usual, supplied by Lyn Towell with champagne supplied by Dan Murphy's. Good, but not as good as the food. A little more temperance this year with some left over for the celebration on 11 Dec.

11 Dec was a special day and as far as I know a first for the NSWFFS. It was a celebration of the departure of two of our long time members; Brian Alcock and Kev Davis. This special celebration was programmed to coincide with a scramble and a contest with SAMS. Shades were set up on the field. Nibbles were placed on tables and drinks were supplied. Craig and Lucy Alcock and family arrived followed by Jan Davis, escorted by Peter and Kitty Jackson. All were introduced to the assembled modellers. No introduction was necessary for Peter Jackson. Light beer and champagne was dispensed and an explanation of the day was given; people settled and the atmosphere was relaxed.

Flying continued for a while with a presentation for the scramble with the two hot and sweaty entrants ( Andrew Heath and Tahn Stowe) receiving a prize for their efforts. Bob Marshal maxed out and put paid to any thought that the FFS might have a win in the annual vintage competition. All competitors were given a prize, with Barry Lee receiving a small gift for his untiring devotion as the registrar of the FFS, the whole committee of Southern Cross, and his reliability as a friend and committed member of the FFS. Barry is a stalwart of the society and anything I do or say can only fall short of his real worth.

That special time arrived and eulogies were given by Carlo De Filipis for Brian, and Peter Jackson for 'Big' Kev Davis. Craig Alcock then presented the FFS with a gift of \$1000. It will be put to good use at West Wyalong. Kev's legacy is still in progress with kits being constructed in every corner of Aus.

Both members' ashes were spread on the field that day with about 40 other members of the free flight society assisting and watching. A special thanks to Peter Scott for the preparation of one of his large RC models to carry the ashes into the sky for the ceremonial 'casting of the ashes'. The model performed spectacularly with lots of 'oohs' and 'aahs' as the ashes descended from about 200 feet onto the paddock in front of the shades. Both members were toasted and everybody settled down to either fly or relax.

The next event was a catered sausage sizzle provided by the FFS; bread snags, onions and sauce to cap off a splendid day. An urgent foray to the local shopping centre for extra snags ensured nobody missed out. A short annual report was delivered to the assembled masses and that just about sums up the year and the day; except I need to mention our library, our old/new mowers via Bob Marshal,

Geoff Potters electrical work, the new privacy screens in front of the ablution blocks, Captain Risky's (Bruce Hao) production of the front gate sign, the WW New Year celebration and some special competition calendars.

First the library; we have finally received the whole consignment of books and magazines from John O'Donnell and they are now located at West Wyalong; 67 boxes in all and all over 20kg. I have the index and the associated documentation. The reference library will be located in the centre of the house and not on the outside annex. The books and magazines will be better protected in that area. We are now seeking to increase our library to include Australian magazines. This will include Airborne and Model News. The shelves have not been constructed yet but at least the location has

been selected and the boxes are in position. Several trips and different vehicles were required and thanks to all.

At our November meeting it was mentioned that we were having problems with our mower at WW. Bob Marshal was at that meeting and said that he had a surplus older model Greenfield mower at home which we could have for WW. He explained that he had built a frame for two following mowers and this gave a cutting spread of about five feet. His generous offer was immediately accepted and the mower is now resident in WW. It is a fabulous and expensive donation and is much appreciated. Bob, we owe you one!

Geoff is another contender who cannot be stopped when work needs to be done. A special thanks for the electrical work in the camp kitchen, the new library and the lighting in the outside annex. Roy's construction of privacy screens in the ablution area is also an added improvement. Roy seems to have that innate ability to see a problem or issue and almost immediately have a solution. I have already presented a number of calendars produced by Bruce. They include a flyers' picture and the calendar below. I have a few left but be quick to get yours soonest. Thanks Bruce!

New Year at WW is now fixed on the calendar. A hearty pizza night organised by Matt Hannaford filled every person's desire for a full tummy. This of course was washed down by with copious quantities of champagne and other alcoholic beverages. I managed to stay until 11pm but only accompanied by Matt. All the rest had obeyed the Fiji time line and disappeared to a bed someplace else. A most sensible decision!!

This year we had overall 25 visitors. They included people who flew model aircraft of all types. Therefore I have not classified our visitors as anything other than modellers. I did note that some carried a magic box while others investigated the hard stand at the local airport for control line use. We even had visitors who did not fly, just soaked up the atmosphere and socialised. It was a wonderful relaxing (for some) week end.

Buuuutttt..... we now have 2017 to manage!!!

Our new meeting place for 2017 is not yet fixed with more information to follow on this. We have received quotes for the additional work on the RC shades and a new ablution block for use during heavier populated periods on our calendar. I cannot remember them at the moment but they will be published at our next meeting. We hope to apply for a loan from the MAAA to assist in the purchase of these items. The quote for the upgrade of the road is prohibitive and we will seek an alternative method.

A number of the executive will be attending the 'Maxmen' competition in Lost Hills, California this Feb so there may be a shortage of flyers for comps and Friday flying days during Feb. There is also the Southern Cross cup and the AFFS during May. This is a high intensity flying time and a lot of time is required away. Not completely desirable but it is what it is! There is also the MAAA council conference in May and the up and coming world champs in Aug. Wow what a year, I think I will need to retire again.

That's about all folks I am almost exhausted. Just remember that free flighters keep it up longer! Happy New Year!!! Try to make it a good one.

Terry Bond  
President NSWFFS



Photo by Angie Mahoney



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# Farewelling Brian & Kevin



### **Stolen from SEN**

### **Bob Parker's 3 Rules of Free Flight**

For "Rocket" Ron Hernandez

Bob Parker's Free Flight Rules to his 14 year old son who had just lost his Fubar in the Texas desert. .

1. "You'll wreck and lose models, if you can't accept that, collect stamps for a hobby".
2. "You'll drive all night to a contest only to sit in your car and watch the wind blow or the rain fall, if you can't accept that, collect stamps for a hobby".
3. "The hardest rule to accept: the best model, the best flyer does not always win, if you can't accept that, collect stamps for a hobby".

From Cindy Parker, to her 14 year old son, "Only one trophy in the living room".



A few boxes of reading material for West Wyalong



Photo by Angie Mahoney

Chris Birch's new model box, full of models