

The Free Flighter
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Phil Warren
with his new F1B

Editorial September 2020

Hi Team, there is some gossip and some news about. The premier of 'Westraya' announced very recently that the border of that new country on the western side of Australia would remain closed to immigration and visitation until he decides otherwise. He also said that as 'Westraya' generates about 50% of Australia's revenue he would not tolerate any FIFO workers from Victoria to bring Covid-19 into his patch. As a direct result of state closures and in conversation with Paul Rossiter (president AFFS) the AFFS championships at Narrandera would now be cancelled. I did offer to run the championships at West Wyalong. The offer was noted.

I have no idea what is happening in Victoria and I am not sure that chairman Dan knows either. It is good to ring a friend in Victoria and it is nice to say that you are glad you caught them at home, and how much fun you have just had flying at the field. Some of the replies are interesting.

September is AGM time presentation of annual financial statements and election of office bearers. This year it will be held on the field at Richmond on 20 September in conjunction with a BBQ and contest (food supplied by NSWFFS). First, I would like to thank those members who are not on the committee who have devoted their time, effort and resources helping the committee to get the jobs done. Secondly, I must thank the current committee for their work over the past year. I exclude myself as I was absent for about 3 months and did little to help. The heavy lifters are really the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Registrar. Special mentions go to our 'Scaly' Phil Warren and our VP Gary Pope who carried the can in my absence. I have not forgotten our safety officer Mike Towell but we have been very safe this year.

Some months ago, I approached the President MAAA and received approval for our society to have its own Chief Flying Instructor (CFI). That has finally been achieved with Mike Ward from the Eurobodalla club passing his course in the ACT August this year. An extension for instructor qualification was granted this year but if any member of our society needs re-qualification, he should contact me or our secretary.

As a direct result of Covid-19 most large gatherings and special events have been cancelled, downsized, or delayed. Our calendar has been shot to bits in places, but we are still hoping to run WoWW (Wing over West Wyalong) and the SCC (Southern cross Cup) 23-25 Oct 2020. Wait for further announcements.

Friday flying has been growing possibly due to being locked up for such a long time or just an extension of enthusiasm. Interest on F1B has increased with a few of our members being attracted to the sound of tortured rubber and thrills a plenty. Old timers, Terry Bond, Gary Goodwin, Bruce Hao and Gary Pope stand aside for the new centurions. That's about all folks I will look forward to seeing you at our AGM.

Terry Bond
President NSWFFS

Minutes of General Meeting 2nd August 2020

Meeting opened: 9.26am on Richmond Flying Field. Secretary Roy in the chair.

Present: Roy Summersby, Reg Towell, Gary Goodwin, Phil Warren, Peter Scott, Gail Scott, Geoff Potter, Peter Jackson, Ian Le Bronne, Aaron Booth, Lachlan Booth.

Apologies:

Barry Lee, Terry Bond, Gary Pope, Michel Towell.

Guests:

Lyn Towell,

Minutes of previous meeting:

Accepted as a true record moved by Peter Scott sec Phil Warren carried.

Business Arising

Chief flying instructor has now been appointed

Correspondence out:

Free Flighter,

Correspondence in:

Fly Papers (3)

MAAA NEWS

New vice president elected, Tim Nolan from ANSW

MAAA Fees were reduced \$10 if paid by 31st July

ANSW buying land in the Hunter Valley

Treasures Report:

As per August newsletter May/June 30th

Moved, Phil Warren sec Peter Scott carried

TREASURERS REPORT NSWFFS

Opening Balances

C.B.A – A/C No 229300901281	\$15,771.90
C.B.A - A/C No 233610409062	\$1,206.25
Opening Total	\$16,978.15

C.B.A 1- Payments	\$1952.93
C.B.A – Payments	\$871.00

Balance as of 31/1018 C.B.A 1	\$26,991.97
Balance as of 31/1018 C.B.A 2	\$435.25
Closing Total Balance C.B.A. 1 & 2	\$27,427.22

General Business:

As we haven't had a meeting for some months due to covid19, Roy gave a brief outline on what's been happening.

Work at West Wyalong that has been done and is about to be done.

Since our last meeting the side and back louvers have been replaced. Fence protection has been installed on the barbed wire fences, (west and east sides). The tennis court fence has been removed and installed at the hard stand. Wall paper in the lounge has been removed. An air conditioner has been installed in the lounge. The electrical sub board in the amenities block has been repaired (switch & fuse). Cupboard in bedroom has been removed. The laundry has been completely re done thanks to George Bishop see photo in the last newsletter.

Work has started on the control line safety fence, net has to be bought and a gate made.

Work has started on the shade /shelter for the control line area, we have made this a bit larger than planned, 10x4 meters with three roll-a-doors on the side facing the circle, \$5500 from the MAAA club assistance scheme is helping to fund this.

1st West Wyalong National's in 2021 It was agreed to hold this and date has to be set.

MAAA container to be fitted out for the Hall of Fame plaques. Materials paid for by MAAA, work to be done by us.

Work that will be done soon is the painting of the lounge room, Fixing and painting of the bed room, sheeting to the rear of the house (laundry area).

On the like to do sometime list is doubling the shade area at the RC strip this might be able to be funded by the 2021 club assistance scheme.

Roy told the meeting that we have ongoing yearly costs of approximately \$3500 per year. On top of this we have a 5 year loan of \$15,000 from MAAA this is being payed back at \$3000 per year.

Notification September 18th is our AGM

Meeting closed 10.43 am

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Secretary & Newsletter Editor	Roy Summersby	0413588720
Treasurer	Gary Goodwin	0414292050
Register	Barry Lee	0402329078



John ready for work



George Bishop making the house at WW look good

Next Meeting AGM 20th September

Once again a little different, it will be on the field at Richmond after flying and before the B-B-Q lunch. Sausage sandwiches will be provided. We will have the B-B-Q going and it will be a help yourself system to avoid any crowding. Anything else you require bring it along. It is the AGM so if you would like a position on the board let me know so I can put your name in the hat. I am led to believe that the existing brass will stand again but don't let that stop you from having a go at any of the top jobs. The pays poor, and the works consistent, but it is most rewarding.

We haven't had any major competitions over the last month but we are looking forward to the Southern Cross Cup and Wing over West Wyalong at the end of next month. Social flying on both Fridays and Sundays has been going along nicely with everyone respecting social distancing, good to see. We are blessed that free flight can be solo flying unlike many other sports which require a team.

West Wyalong update

Since the last newsletter a few of us made the trip and did a bit more work on the house. This included the painting of the lounge and dining room walls and some of the doors. We also sheeted and painted the back wall behind the tank covering up a number of holes in the old weatherboards. While there we took delivery of the materials needed for the MAAA container fit out which will happen very soon. I have a list of work for the next trip and if all goes to plan we will see a big change in the bedroom and the sheeting in around the back laundry corner, (this is open at present). The container should also be fitted out complete with lighting ready for the Hall of Fame Plaques, Also some ground work ready for the SAM's comp in October. Details of the success will hopefully be in our next magazine, one never knows how much work I can extract from the troops.

MAAA Wingspan

Does everyone read this email magazine from the MAAA, I hope so? In the August issue we had a couple of pages on how we have progressed with West Wyalong, it reads well and we hope the rest of Australia reads it.

September 13th Events

These have been moved to the 20th. This will give us ½ hour scramble and combined % 5 flights then the AGM followed by the B-B-Q

Important Events coming up

Wings over West Wyalong 23rd -25th October AB field

Southern Cross Cup 23rd October AB field West Wyalong

Make your bookings now; both of these events will be on. In 700 acres of paddock social distancing can be achieved without too much trouble.



John Pennells doing a bit of painting



Roy hard at work

Flying for the month Friday 7/08/20

The field was wet, interest was dampened and a flood of apathy led to a nil attendance. I'm sure everyone had a great day anyway.....wherever they were.

Friday 14/08/20

The day started out much like any other with the smell of fresh manure rising on the warming air, with just a hint of Ibis guano and weed-killer.

First off we were treated to a flying demonstration the likes of which would possibly never be seen again, Pete (Jacko) Jackson managed to maintain his perfect record of "One flight One Car" by accounting for his previous uneventful three flights with an outstanding four-bonnet-glancing-blow-landing. We have since supplied him a big bag of marshmallow spinners as it's easier than moving the vehicles.

Gary (Moneybags) Pope, had another win ensuring the parking donations were collected this week. I'll never know how he shot the tyres out at that distance, but Gary (I'll DT when I'm ready) Goodwin will unlikely try that again.

Peter (Blighty) Scott tried to hand-launch an "old-timer" this morning, but after Roy (Sexy Legs) Summersby expressed his preference to stay on the ground, Peter tried a model instead, after which he and his wife left in disgust murmuring something about lack of adventure. I'm not sure exactly what he said as he struggles with the accent.

Ian (scissors) Le bronne Had a win with his "Floated" Cub taking off and landing from the "Ganges", a drainage ditch surrounding the field. The Gods were certainly with him on that one. The rest of us just get wet socks whenever we go near it.

Phil (Chucky) Warren Lost his hat during a rambunctious catapult launch of one of his chuck gliders. After which, no one recognized him and he had to show his membership card under threat of being ejected from the field.

Bruce (One more knot) Hao broke yet another rubber winding his F1B motor, The reaction from onlookers rivaling west-ham winning the world cup.

Friday 21/08/20

With 20knots of wind at the field it was definitely a no go for anyone but the most foolhardy to attend, So Peter (Fly by wire) Norrie and me, Steve (What Plan?) Buckpitt turned up.

We spent about 30 minutes sitting in fold up chairs, chatting via loud hailer against the wind. As we got up to leave our chairs alighted becoming the first free-flight box kites to suffer "Fly-Away" at the field, complete with drinks holders no less!. We left via the camping shop and a much earned Maccas coffee for somewhere to sit down.

Friday 28/08/20

A beautiful still morning early on, gave in to some bad wind later on(Not touching that one!). Some great flying weather was enjoyed however until then.

While testing a new stock of rubber in my P30, I'm glad to report both the elastic and my sphincter held up admirably. This was of course until the rear rubber retainer let go and devoured the side of the fuselage. P30-One, sphincter-Nil.

The wind finally got the best of everyone, everyone except the chuck glider flyers, showing how it's done when the wind comes up. Demonstrating the Windy Launch

"Go for a hike method" making the rest of us feel better about our decision to leave.

After a conspicuous absence "Due to Work".....

Our illustrious leader Terry (Shaken But Not Stirred) Bond dropped in from his busy schedule to check the trim positions of his competitor's models, before resuming his persona as a, Covid19 adjusted, "Inter national Man Of Mystery" The Mild mannered swimming pool tycoon of Port Stephens.

You should come down to the Richmond club some time and have a chat, eat someone else's biscuits and maybe even have a fly!?

Just think, if we talk about each other like this, imagine what we might say about you!?

Fly High everybody,

Steve Buckpitt

P.S. Any reference to anyone alive or well "on their way out" is completely possible!!

For Sale Kits F/F, R/C all new in box

All proceeds go towards improvements at the AB Field West Wyalong

R/C or F/F Playboy Senior	\$120	80" by Old Fashioned Hobbies	Good
R/C Precedent Bi Fly	\$150	48" by Balsa craft England	Good
R/C Rolladen Schneider LS3	\$120	110" Foam wings Glass Fuse	Good
		2 fuselages one is T tail	

Heinkel 51 Biplane 570 span rubber kit by Sierra Nevada Models \$35

Standard Biplane 600 span rubber kit by Sierra Nevada Models \$35

Fokker D8 500 span rubber kit by R/N models \$35

Normal Shop Stuff

We now have back in stock small bearer wood, Mylar, Tissue, Methanol, Ether, Klotz oil, P30 props and heaps of small rubber gear, & 3 boxes of 1/8 Rubber

Contact Roy on 0413588720 for prices and more details



The site being prepared ready for the control line shelter.

The Scale Comp

The scale comp's two days away, the shed has not been open
You'll never snatch your first event, wishing and a hope in
Should I build a model grandee, with history poise and class
Or maybe build that Wirraway, that ROG's off grass

Or should I go for broke this time, and build some flying art
By building 13 hours a day, from tea to sparrow fart
I need to come up with a plan, and get the shed prepared
For this will be the biggest build, that I have ever dared

I'll just go down and see the Lads, see what they've got to say
It's not worth starting anything yet, it's too late in the day
I'm not quite sure what happened then, I'd had a beer or two
Discussion must have heated up, as I had lost a shoe

I stumbled to the shed that night, to fill my obligations
It seems I'd found next door's garage, and done some alterations
They found me curled up on the lawn, the day before the comp
It seems my plans were served an ace, all due to last night's romp

Sunday morn has come around; I'm looking kind of rough
I worked all night to get it right; I thought I'd done enough
But now it's seen the light of day, I don't know how I feel
I'm holding last years Piper Cub, with new green paint and wheels

By Steve Buckpitt

And a short one from Adrian Bryant

I have done my share of work
I have done my share of toiling
I hope those that follow on
Will keep models flying.



Some of Peter Jackson's little toys

How to look after *your* small diesels Peter Jackson

I have been a lifelong aeromodeller always fascinated with small IC motors. Over many years I have acquired a rather large collection of motors that I like to run on a regular basis, and then put back in their box or model, lubed with oil, only to find the pesky thing gummed up with castor oil on the next run. In my collection all my motors are under 1.00 CC including 6 .25 Schlossers – these little gems are very prone to clogging up with castor. However, my good mate Maris Dislers advised me to mix up an after run fuel some years ago. His mix is simply to substitute the castor oil with Harley Davidson S.A.E. mineral oil. All my motors run quite well on this fuel, some better than others. Now, for my last flight of the day I use after run fuel, and 6+ months later when I flick the motor it will still have that nice bouncy feel.



Terry Bonds new Open Rubber model taking shape

Sep 20	½ hour Scramble, Combined % 5 flights AGM meeting B-B-Q Lunch Fun Fly	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 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	To be advised		
Nov 27	Friday Xmas Party	Richmond	7.00am – 1.00pm	Terry & Lyn
Dec 6	½ Hour Scramble, Combined Vintage with SAMS & Fun Fly.	Richmond BBQ Xmas	7:00am – 1:00pm Lunch BYO	Terry Bond FOOD