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Roy Summersby Wins AFFS Champion of Champions in 2026!

Meeting opened:

7:41pm – Dundas Sports Club – President Michael Towell

Present:

Michael Towell, Natalie Beckett, Roy Summersby, Terry Bond, Ray Harvey, John Pennells, Shannon Tolmie, Bruce Hao, Steve Hughes, Gary Pope, Peter Scott, Phil Warren

Apologies:

Ed and Angie Mahoney, Warren Leadbeatter, Gary Goodwin, Andrew Linwood

Guests:

Lyn Towell, Reg Towell, Kate, Gail Scott

Minutes of previous meeting:

Moved by Ed Mahoney, Terry Bond sec. Carried

Business Arising:

- ❖ MAAA free flight Nationals. Logo done. Flyer to be completed soon and sent out. Contract control line to join the nationals. Submit for MAAA funds.
- ❖ Warren did a great newsletter.
- ❖ End of year presentation went well, thank you for everyone attended.
- ❖ Christmas parties went well.

Correspondence out:

Friday notices, Newsletter, ANSW, WW Radio Club Area Approval

Correspondence In:

AEFA, ANSW, Responds from Friday email, Vic Fly paper, WW radio club area approval, Rego Box Trailer

Treasurers Report:

1st Nov to 31st Dec presented by Roy Summersby

National account transferred. But not closed.

Motion moved and accepted for Nats account (account number 062 336 1040 9062) be closed.

Moved by Terry Bond, Gary Pope Sec, Carried

Copies available upon request

General Business:

- ❖ Area Approval WW (big thanks to Warren Leadbeatter for putting everything together)
 - Seeking approval to send the attached docs to Rhyll for approval. This is basically a new set of By Laws & Operating Procedures for AB Field West Wyalong as well as a Emergency Response Procedure, Risk Assessment and stakeholder engagement letter to be sent to Bland Shire Council and Leppington Pastoral Co (Billabong Station) I move that we accept these documents with any amendments for submission for Area Approval for operations up to 2000ft as per our current area approval. Roy sec. Everyone voted for.

- As a result of reviewing Emergency procedures I thought it would be a good time to review firefighting abilities at AB Field. ie Do we have enough fire extinguishers of the right type? e.g a dry chemical extinguisher in the area where batteries are charged. etc Also how do we handle a grass fire? a) Run? b) Try to fight it? With what? c) If you can't fight it, Call 000
- Check fire extinguishers. Next time down there.
- Back packs with water tanks. For WW. NB and MT will look into this.
- ❖ E36 Postal. AEFA asked about this, for NSWFFS to run this. All agreed too much for us to run and they can run the event. If run, NSWFFS will put in scores.
- ❖ Club assistance scheme for RC concrete. Ask for \$7,000 from MAAA. Move by Steve Hughes, sec Shannon Tolmie, Approved.
- ❖ Scale Judging. Judging guide to go in next newsletter.
- ❖ MAAA VP. Anyone willing to join or be nominated, by 20th Feb. Terry put Roy name forward to be nominated. Discussion showed resounding support. Roy to think about it.
- ❖ Joining MAAA direct and members at conference were not happy. So nothing happened. Might be raised again at next MAAA conference.
- ❖ NSWFFS shirts. People want to order be ordered soon. Gary Pope (L)

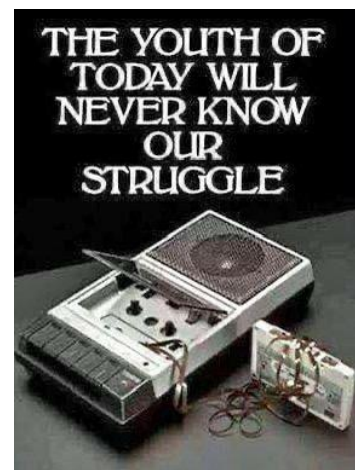
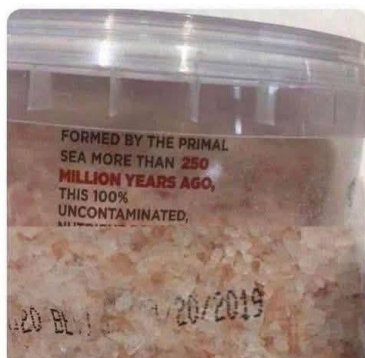
Meeting closed: 8.36pm

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Terry's Jokes & Fun Facts:

Just my luck, 250 million year old salt, and it expired 2 years ago



Wow, it's already May and the year is nearly half over. A lot has happened this year so far, this last couple of months is no different.

Starting out with the E36 and P30 State Champs events, plus combined Vintage. Some quality flying and a glorious day at Richmond, report in this issue.

Our Point Score Trophy has stirred up some interest so far this year. It's great to see more participation at our club events. A points tally so far is in this issue. Don't forget that more flying will get you higher up the list, and maybe even your name immortalised on the trophy itself.

A few of us attended the AFFS Champs at Narrandera and West Wyalong last month. With some international visitors amongst our nation's best, we were exposed to some world class flying. Myself and Nat CD'd the A,B,C at Narrandera and can't speak highly enough of everyone involved for making the AFFS Champs a great event to be a part of.

Our Friday sessions haven't been as consistent with the weather gods of late, which is one thing we can't control. Hopefully this will rectify itself in the next coming months.

Speaking of Fridays, we've had Peter Norrie out there with the Airforce Cadets flying their control line models that they'd built during their aeromodelling course that week. It's great to see some young ones having a go, and of course our Friday regulars giving encouragement and on hand to answer questions they may have.

In the coming months we have our Trans Tasman Free Flight Scale Rally, plus F4B Control Line Scale State Champs. Along with the Mills Trophy Scramble event. A huge 3 days of flying coming up in July. We already have 3 Kiwis locked in, entry form in this issue. Let's see if we can make this year bigger.

Speaking of Scale, what good is a Scale model without a pilot?? With light pilot figures getting harder to source, I have included a How To guide on carving your next pilot for your new model.

West Wyalong will be hosting the F1A,B,C, Open Power, Open Rubber State Champs and also a 2min Max event. A great weekend of friends and flying, not to be missed. Entry forms this issue.

As some of you may know, we lost Col Collyer recently. Although not a member of the NSWFFS, he was a part of the AFFS and made a huge impact on the Free Flight community and modelling in general. A lot of us have enjoyed Col's competitive spirit and good nature over many years of flying. He will be missed.

As you are reading this, myself and Roy will be elbows deep at the annual MAAA Council Conference. We will report on this in the upcoming meeting.

Michael Towell
President NSWFFS

GENERAL NEWS & INFORMATION

Next Meeting 22nd May 2026

The General Meeting in March was cancelled due to illness. The next general meeting will be held at the Dundas Sports Club as scheduled starting at 7.30pm. As normal some of us will have a meal there before the meeting, please feel free to join us.

MAAA News

The 2026 Control Line World Championships were recently held in Perth WA. At the event one of our F1C Flyers, pilot Murray Wilson from Victoria and his pit man Mark Poschkens from South Australia came first place in the F2C Team race event making them the 2026 FAI F2C World Champions. Well, Done Murray and Mark!

The MAAA annual conference is being held on the weekend of 16th & 17th May and will be attended by Michael & Roy – it's always the same date as the Muswellbrook Veterans Gathering unfortunately for them.

We have a couple of items up for discussion including a request for a Club grant for funds to continue making improvements at AB Field West Wyalong

AFFS Champs 2026

The AFFS was run and won again for another year, but this time by an all new Committee who did a great job by all reports and feedback. There is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes to make this event a success and I think we nailed it for our first attempt. I wanted to make a special mention of Michael & Natalie who made a sterling effort as CDs and they made it easy for the rest of us on the committee to be able to fly our events. Unfortunately, the flying events were cut short by 1 day due to wind and wet weather so we missed out on Scramble, Combined % Flyoff, CLG/TLG/HLGs and Open /Power Rubber. There is a report with scores and photos from me in this issue. - Warren Leadbeatter - AFFS Pres.

Vale Colin Collyer

It is with deep sadness that we mark the passing of Colin Collyer, a true cornerstone of the Australian free flight community and more recently VARMS and SAMs . A master craftsman and a fierce competitor from the World Championships to local fly-offs, Col was as respected for his technical brilliance as he was for his tireless work organising events and mentoring others. Whether as a "grey nomad" chasing thermals across the country or a mainstay of the MAAA, his presence on the flight line was a gift to the sport. He leaves behind a legacy of clear skies and soaring spirits, and he will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Rest in Peace. - Warren Leadbeatter



Engines and Models For Sale.

As at 10 th May 2026.

Legend NIB New in Box, NNIB near new in box. VGC very good condition.

GC good condition. W/M with muffler. C/L control line. All prices are negotiable.

Email Roy at roydi132@optusnet.com.au or message 0413588720 for more details.

Bank details NSWFFS BSB 062 293 A/C 00901281 Add \$15.50 for express post in Aust, International at cost. Can except Pay Pal through Roy Summersby.

Models

Name ~Span Engine	Price
SE5a 1250 mm OS 52 Surpass	\$ 350
Precedent 2400mm SC91 F/S	\$ 300
Three tow line gliders of Gliders of different sizes (can be made Electric)Two servos in each	\$70 ea.

Diesels

5. Mills 1.3 NIB CS
8. Mills 1.3 G no tank \$100
10. Mills .75 G \$100
11. Mills 1.3 in original box VG 1947 \$150
18. Deezel Repo 2.0 (CS) ? \$80
20. Super Atom 1.8 Czech repo VG \$100

2 Stroke Engines Glow

- 30.. Super Tiger 45 GC N/M Boxed \$60
31. Super Tiger 2300 L/New in Box \$200
34. Testers 40 N/N Boxed \$50
40. Enya 49X GC \$50
41. Enya 29 RC VG W/M \$70
42. Enya SS30 RC VG W/M \$70
46. OS 46 LA Blue W/M GC Boxed \$ 80
47. OS AX GC W/M \$120
48. OS 55 AX GC No Muffler \$70
49. OS MAX 45 VGC No Muffler\$70
51. OS 40 H Ex G. Potter with tank \$70
52. OS 40 FP RC VG \$70
53. OS 40LA GC Blue \$50
54. OS 25 GC RC \$50
55. ASP 40 GC W/M \$ 50
56. ASP 108 GC W/M \$100
57. Thunder Tiger Pro 46 GC W/M Boxed \$100
58. Thunder Tiger Pro 46 GC Parts Only \$40

60. Mc Coy Testers 35 \$50
63. Cox NIB 049 Medalion W/M \$ 100
64. Cox Baby Bee \$25

4 Stroke Engines

1. OS 120 Surpass Pumped VGC \$300
2. OS 70 Surpass VG W/M \$250
3. OS 120 Surpass VGC \$200
4. OS FS 40 GC W/M \$ 150
5. OS FS 40 GC W/M \$ 150
6. OS FS 40GC W/M Boxed \$150
7. OS FS 20 VGC W/M Boxed \$350
8. Sold
9. OS 60 Four Stroke open rocker \$150
10. Sold
11. Enya 60 -4c VGC \$200
12. Enya 53-4C GC \$150
13. Enya 90-4C GC W/M \$200
14. Enya 60 -4c VGC \$200
15. Enya 53-4C GC W/M \$150
16. Saito 62a VGC early type W/M & Box \$ 150
17. Saito 65 VGC No Muffler \$100
18. Saito FA65 GC No Muffler Boxed \$150
19. Saito FA 30 Open Rocker VGC. L/New W/M Boxed \$400
20. Saito 120 GC \$350
21. Saito 120 VGC W/M \$400
22. Saito 50VGC W/M \$150
23. ASP 52 VG W/M Boxed \$120
24. ASP 91 VGC W/M No Needle \$150
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26. Magnum 120 VGC W/M \$300
27. OS 60 Open Rocker VG (Texaco) \$ 250
28. OS FS 61 GC (Texaco) \$150
29. OS O/R 60 VGC \$200
30. OS FS 61 W/M GC \$150
31. OS FS 48 W/M GC Boxed \$120
32. Saito FA30 O/R VGC Boxed \$350



48th AFFS Championships 2026 – Narrandera & West Wyalong

Narrandera & West Wyalong, New South Wales

The 2026 AFFS Championships once again delivered an outstanding showcase of Australian free flight model aircraft competition, with competitors travelling from across the country and the world to compete in a wide range of FAI, vintage and specialist events held across Narrandera and West Wyalong, New South Wales.

The championships combined high-level competition with excellent camaraderie, sportsmanship and a strong social atmosphere throughout the week. Weather conditions across the events generally provided challenging yet enjoyable flying conditions, rewarding consistency, tactical decision-making and well-prepared models.

A large and diverse entry list ensured highly competitive flying in all classes, with numerous fly-offs required to determine final placings.

Widgiewa Cup

The Widgiewa Cup featured strong performances across the F1A, F1B and F1C classes.

In F1A, Phil Mitchell produced a highly consistent performance to take first place with a total of 840 points, ahead of Malcolm Campbell on 823 points and David Shackelford on 692 points.

The F1B event proved exceptionally competitive, with five competitors recording perfect scores of 900 points and forcing a fly-off. Tomer Obligenarz from the USA emerged victorious with an outstanding fly-off time of 447 seconds. Vin Morgan secured second place with 405 seconds, while Richard Blackam completed the podium with 331 seconds. Paul Squires from NZ finished fourth following the fly-off, while Bruce Hao narrowly missed a podium placing despite recording the maximum contest score.

The F1C class also produced a close contest. Yuan Gao from China claimed victory after a strong fly-off performance of 499 seconds, ahead of Andrew Linwood on 412 seconds. Gary Pope also made the flyoff but accidentally activated his RDT shortly after takeoff. Warren Leadbeatter and Roy Summersby rounded out the leading placings following consistently strong flying throughout the rounds.



Yuan Gao

Tomer Obligenarz



AFFS Cup

The AFFS Cup once again highlighted the depth of talent within Australian free flight competition. This year we honoured Paul Rossiter with a Memorial Trophy for F1B.

Phil Mitchell continued his strong form in F1A, taking the win with 780 points, while Malcolm Campbell and Ian Haigh completed the placings.

The F1B class produced another remarkable fly-off after four competitors achieved perfect scores of 960 points. Tomer Obligenarz from the USA secured another major victory and the Paul Rossiter memorial trophy with a fly-off time of 380 seconds, narrowly ahead of Vin Morgan

on 352 seconds and Richard Blackam on 337 seconds. Bruce Hao also achieved a maximum score but couldn't get started in the flyoff and finished fourth.

Andrew Linwood delivered a dominant performance in F1C, recording a perfect score of 960 points to take first place. Roy Summersby and Yuan Gao from China were close behind, while Warren Leadbeatter and Gary Pope completed the leading positions.

Southern Cross Cup

The Southern Cross Cup again attracted highly competitive flying and several closely contested fly-offs.

Phil Mitchell claimed another major victory in F1A after a fly-off against Ian Haigh, with Mitchell recording 316 seconds to Haigh's 286 seconds. Malcolm Campbell finished third.

The F1B event saw Bruce Hao take first place after an impressive fly-off victory with 396 seconds. Gary Goodwin secured second place, followed by Dave Ackery from NZ and Richard Blackam. Vin Morgan also flew strongly throughout the event and narrowly missed the fly-off positions.

The F1C competition was one of the highlights of the championships, with all competitors achieving maximum scores and progressing to a fly-off. Andrew Linwood ultimately secured victory with a fly-off time of 422 seconds, narrowly defeating Yuan Gao from China on 413 seconds. Roy Summersby & Warren Leadbeatter also recorded strong fly-off performances while Gary Pope failed to get started in the flyoff.

Combined Vintage Event

The Combined Vintage event showcased a wonderful range of classic model designs from different eras of free flight aeromodelling.

Roy Summersby won the event flying his 1956 "Dream Weaver" with a perfect score of 540 points. Ian Haigh finished second with the 1940 "Lamb Climber", while Ray Harvey secured third place with his 1955 "Y-Bar".

Competitors and spectators alike enjoyed seeing many historic designs return to the air in competitive conditions, adding an important traditional element to the championships.

Combined Mini Classes – F1G, F1H & F1J

The combined mini classes provided close competition and excellent participation.

Roy Summersby dominated the event in F1J with a perfect 600-point score. Ian Haigh finished second flying in the F1G class, while Michael Towell placed third after several strong flights.

Combined Percentage Open Event

The percentage-based combined open event created an even playing field across multiple classes and produced some outstanding performances.

Harry Sokol, Malcolm Campbell, Natalie Beckett and Roy Summersby all achieved perfect percentage scores of 100% in their respective classes.

Vin Morgan finished fifth overall, followed by Warren Leadbeatter and Ian Haigh.



Andy Linwood



Vin Morgan

The flyoff for the first four places could not be held due to the weather and will take place at the Nationals in October.

P-30 Competition

The ever-popular P-30 event attracted excellent participation and a highly competitive fly-off.

Leigh Morgan claimed first place after recording 187 seconds in the fly-off, narrowly ahead of Vin Morgan on 181 seconds. Terry Bond finished third, while Ian Haigh secured fourth place.

Natalie Beckett and Michael Towell also produced strong performances throughout the rounds.

E-36 Competition

The E-36 class provided another tightly contested event, with four competitors achieving maximum scores and progressing to the 5 sec engine run fly-off round.

Kathy Burford secured victory with a fly-off time of 84 seconds, narrowly ahead of Michael Towell on 69 seconds and Warren Leadbeatter on 64 seconds. Roy Summersby finished fourth with 37 secs after also recording the maximum contest score.

Champion of Champions

The prestigious Champion of Champions Trophy recognises consistency and versatility across the championships.

Roy Summersby claimed the overall title with 39.5 points following outstanding performances across multiple events and classes. Vin Morgan finished second on 32 points, while Tomer Obligenarz secured third place with 26 points for his 2 Wins in F1B.

Conclusion

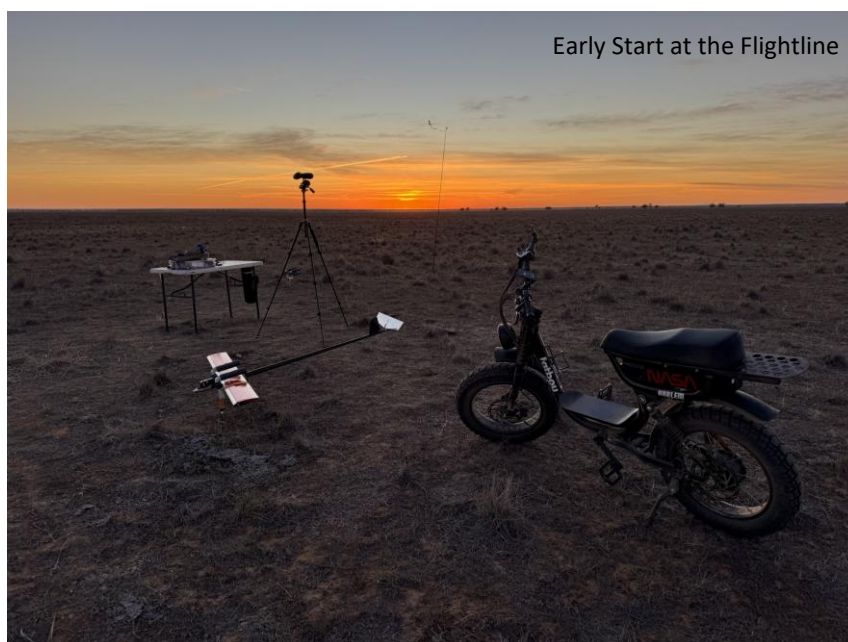
The 2026 AFFS Championships at Narrandera and West Wyalong once again demonstrated the strength and diversity of free flight aeromodelling in Australia.

Across all events, competitors displayed exceptional skill, preparation and sportsmanship, while organisers, officials, volunteers and helpers ensured the championships ran smoothly and efficiently.

The combination of world-class competition, historic model flying, social interaction and the unique atmosphere of free flight flying fields made the championships another memorable success for all involved.

Congratulations are extended to all competitors, placegetters, contest directors, timers, volunteers and supporters who contributed to a highly successful championship series.

Warren Leadbeatter – AFFS President



Widgiewa Cup

F1A		FAI #						Total	FO
1	Phil Mitchell	54379	180	150	150	180	180	840	
2	Malcolm Campbell	54060	180	103	180	180	180	823	
3	David Shackelford		116	49	180	167	180	692	
4	Ian Haigh	163217	180	158	142	180	25	685	
F1B									
1	Tomer Obligenarz USA	130968	180	180	180	180	180	900	447
2	Vin Morgan	82954	180	180	180	180	180	900	405
3	Richard Blackam	54369	180	180	180	180	180	900	331
4	Paul Squires NZ	60990	180	180	180	180	180	900	198
5	Gary Goodwin	130336	180	180	180	180	129	849	
6	Dave Ackery NZ	60989	180	180	180	180	100	820	
7	Albert Fathers	54374	180	180	180	145	86	771	
8	Bruce Hao	134729	180	180	19	-	-	379	
F1C									
1	Yuan Gao CHN	90603	180	180	180	180	180	900	499
2	Andrew Linwood	89999	180	180	180	180	180	900	412
3	Gary Pope	85257	180	180	180	180	180	900	111
4	Warren Leadbeatter	165080	180	180	180	163	180	883	
5	Roy Summersby	54385	180	20	180	129	180	689	

AFFS

F1A		FAI#						Total	FO
1	Phil Mitchell	54379	240	180	0	180	180	780	
2	Malcolm Campbell	52060	127	110	180	180	86	683	
3	Ian Haigh	163217	240	180	0	78	65	563	
F1B									
1	Tomer Obligenarz USA	130969	240	180	180	180	180	960	380
2	Vin Morgan	82954	240	180	180	180	180	960	352
3	Richard Blackam	54369	240	180	180	180	180	960	337
4	Bruce Hao	134729	240	180	180	180	180	960	0
5	Albert Fathers	54374	221	180	180	180	180	941	
6	Dave Ackery NZ	60989	167	176	180	180	180	883	
7	Gary Goodwin	130336	240	180	180	180	63	843	
8	Paul Squires NZ	60990	240	55	180	180	180	835	
F1C									
1	Andrew Linwood	89999	240	180	180	180	180	960	
2	Roy Summersby	54385	240	180	180	171	180	951	
3	Yuan Gao CHN	90603	240	180	180	180	147	927	
4	Warren Leadbeatter	165080	119	180	180	180	180	839	
5	Gary Pope	85251	240	180	173	39	0	632	

Southern Cross Cup

F1A		FAI#						Total	FO
1	Phil Mitchell	54379	240	180	180	180	180	960	316
2	Ian Haigh	52060	240	180	180	180	180	960	286
3	Malcolm Campbell	52060	155	154	180	14	180	683	
4	David Shackelford		16	7	85	113	180	401	
F1B									
1	Bruce Hao	134729	240	180	180	180	180	960	396

2	Gary Goodwin	130336	240	180	180	180	180	960	285
3	Dave Ackery NZ	60989	240	180	180	180	180	960	245
4	Richard Blackam	54369	240	180	180	180	180	960	185
5	Vin Morgan	82954	240	180	146	180	180	926	
6	Paul Squires NZ	60990	103	180	180	180	180	823	
7	Albert Fathers	54374	240	97	180	180	0	697	

F1C

1	Andrew Linwood	89999	240	180	180	180	180	960	422
2	Yuan Gao CHN	85251	240	180	180	180	180	960	413
3	Roy Summersby	54385	240	180	180	180	180	960	326
4	Warren Leadbeatter	165080	240	180	180	180	180	960	193
5	Gary Pope	85251	240	180	180	180	180	960	0

Combined Vintage

	Design	Year					Total
1	Roy Summersby	Weaver	1956	180	180	180	540
		Lamb					
2	Ian Haigh	Climber	1940	173	166	137	476
3	Ray Harvey	Y-Bar	1954	140	151	142	433
4	Peter Scott	Zoot Suit	1954	149	125	123	397
5	Warren Leadbeatter	Stomper	1953	180	162	0	342
6	Andrew Linwood	Eliminator	1053	54	75	63	192
7	Terry Bond	Lanzo Stick	1940	44	95	0	139
8	Harry Sokol	Y-Bar	1955	105	0	0	105

Combined Mini, F1G, F1H,

F1J	Class						Total	
1	Roy Summersby	F1J	120	120	120	120	120	600
2	Ian Haigh	F1G	80	37	120	120	101	458
3	Michael Towell	F1J	117	120	49	52	0	338
4	Malcolm Campbell	F1H	120	0	0	0	0	120
5	Kathy Burford	F1H	120	0	0	0	0	120
6	Harry Sokol	F1J	63	0	0	0	0	63

Combined % Open

					Total	FO	
1	Roy Summersby	F1J	120	120	120	100	TBA
2	Natalie Beckett	E-36	120	120	120	100	TBA
3	Malcolm Campbell	E-36	120	120	120	100	TBA
4	Harry Sokol	OP	180	180	180	100	TBA
5	Vin Morgan	F1G	120	120	86	90.6	
6	Warren Leadbeatter	E-36	71	120	120	86.4	
7	Ian Haigh	P-30	80	93	120	81.4	
8	Sally Knight	OP	115	180	126	78	
9	Len Surtees	HLG	49	22	55	70	
10	Ray Harvey	OP	122	125	128	69.4	
11	Leigh Morgan	P-30	120	98	0	60.6	
12	Kathy Burford	E-36	120	86	0	57.2	

P-30

				Total	FO	
1	Leigh Morgan	120	120	120	360	187
2	Vin Morgan	120	120	120	360	181

3	Terry Bond	120	120	120	360	169
4	Ian Haigh	120	120	120	360	124
5	Natalie Beckett	109	105	103	317	
6	Michael Towell	102	115	83	300	

E-36

					Total	FO
1	Kathy Burford	120	120	120	360	84
2	Michael Towell	120	120	120	360	69
3	Warren Leadbeatter	120	120	120	360	64
4	Roy Summersby	120	120	120	360	37
5	Malcolm Campbell	107	75	120	302	
6	Natalie Beckett	61	120	120	301	
7	Ray Harvey	36	120	120	276	
8	Harry Sokol	26	107	120	253	
9	Terry Scolari	21	120	106	247	

Other Pics from the AFFS Champs





Contest Calendar Results 15th March & 19th April

By Natalie Beckett

On 15th March we ran combined %, generally a very popular event. This didn't disappoint. We had a great turnout with 9 flyers. We had a great range of models competing, Open power, E36, P30, F1G and Vintage power. Roy had his vintage power model and put in 3 max flights. Michael had his E36 and grabbed 3 maxes. Terry with his P30 and also had 3 maxes. Barry flew in his first contest using his P30, he did well with 2 max flights and 115. Gary G had his F1G and maxed his flight two flights but dropped his last with 100. Sally flew her Dixielander and maxed her first flight. But the next two dropped with 113 and 109. Nat had her E36 and had a great first flight but dropped the second with 112. Ray also with his E36 dropped his first two flights with 26 and 29. But came back with a max on his last flight.

This meant 3 in a fly off. But Terry had to leave before this could happen. So that left Roy and Michael to fly off. Roy took out the fly off with 286% and Michael with 240%

Results

1 st Roy	100%	286%
2 nd Michael	100%	240%
3 rd Terry	100%	DNF
4 th Barry	98%	
5 th Gary G	94%	
6 th Sally	74%	
7 th Nat	64%	
8 th Ray	48%	

Originally scheduled for 12th April which was blow out this was rescheduled to 19th April. For Combined Vintage there were only 3 in the competition. Roy flew his Dream Weaver 1957. Roy dropped his first flight with 120 but finished in great form with 2 maxes. Peter flew his Zoot Suit 1954. Peter dropped his two flights with 167 and 147. Didn't fly his last flight. Ray had his Y-bar 1955. But also dropped his first 2 flights with 138 and 142. Ray also not flying his last flight.

Results

1 st Roy	480
2 nd Peter	304
3 rd Ray	280

After 3 events the NSWFFS Point Score Trophy scores stand as...

1 st Roy	19
2 nd Michael	10
3 rd Terry	7
4 th Barry	6
5 th Ray	5
5 th Gary G	5
7 th Sally	4
8 th Nat	3
8 th Peter	3

P30 and E36 State champs. 19th April 2026

Also originally scheduled for 12th April the weather was windy so it was rescheduled for the following Sunday.

It was a beautiful start to the morning. No drift and light fog. At 8am the fog had lifted and there was a slight drift.

We had 4 entries for each.

Terry started early with P30 and grabbed 3 quick maxes. Michael started with P30 as well but dropped his first two flights and scoring 186. Barry, new to competing flew his P30. He was able to score a max for his first two flights but dropped his last flight, scoring 60. Natalie had her new model P30 out there and still did some trimming. But had rubber motor trouble.

Results P30 State champs.

1st Terry	360
2nd Barry	300
3rd Michael	186
4th Natalie	0

Now for E36. Ray started early and got the height to pull off 3 great maxes. Michael also flew with 3 great flights and grabbing 3 maxes. Roy pulled in a wonderful first flight with a max, but unfortunately dropped his second flight with a 103. But Roy managing to max his last flight. Natalie dropped her first two flights badly with a 36 and 42. The model was not performing and stalling all the way down. With Ray and Michael maxing their 3 flights, they decided to do the next flight together. Dropping to 5 secs motor run, with 7 min window. Ray and Michael launching about the same time. Both with great height but Michael dropped the flight with 117 and Ray managed to max with 120. Ray taking out the comp by only 3 seconds.

Results E36 State champs.

1st Ray	480
2nd Michael	477
3rd Roy	343
4th Natalie	78

WINDBAGS and COWS

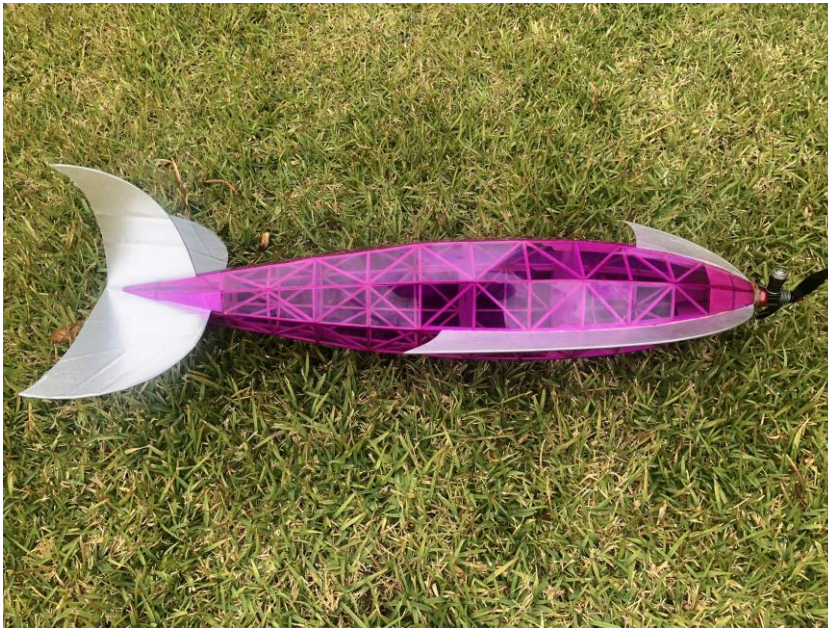
Being a little crazy some years back I built a windbag for a bit of fun. It did cause a stir at our Christmas party with its maiden flight. Comments were how can that fly, and why should it, but fly it did. Yes, it was crazy not knowing which way it would go, but with a few flights I found out a bit more down and a bit more right was all it needed. Fast forward and I talked Ray Harvey into making about a dozen kits. With the formers cut out they went together so quick we had quite a few on the Richmond field and all flew, if made to the plan and along with my added recommendations . The novelty wore off after a time except for the unorthodox days where they would once again set off to where they wanted to go. Jacko, hoping to get rid of the abominations as he called them, put up a prize for the longest flight. He was sure we would lose them and well he was right with mine.

They were launched together and on half a tank they will get very high, the very poor glide normally keeps them in the paddock, but on this day with a good breeze from the north, mine was well and truly out of the paddock. It was into the field with the cows, after much searching we gave up, Jacko had a win, one lost Windbag.

Weeks later the farmer phoned to say he had found a model. Yes, my Windbag had been found, BUT, he said, it is a little damaged, the cows have been trying to fly it, or maybe eat it, or just used it to play football with. It is well a truly beyond fixing, but Jacko, surprise, surprise, I have a brand new one just waiting for its first flight and I know you will like this one.

Roy Summersby.

Before Cows



After Cows



Flying at Richmond 10th & 17th April 2026 by Angela Mahoney





Roy getting his Westland Widgeon to fly.

Powered by a SAM .75 . 1200mm span

Photos by Angela Mahoney



CARVE YOURSELF A Balsa Pilot

You don't have to be a sculptor to use this simple six-step formula to achieve realistic looking pilots. And...you'll get brownie points from scale judges!

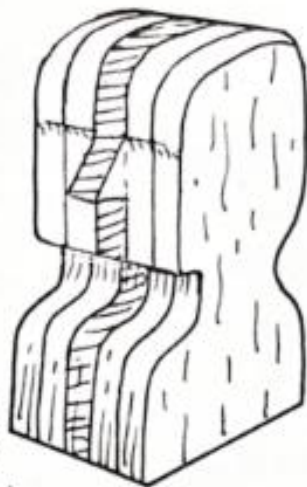
STEP 1.

Cut this center template out of 1/4" or 1/8" sheet balsa or scrap. NOTE: Only this CENTER section has the "NOSE".



STEP 2.

All other laminates must conform to center shape. Start sanding to match.



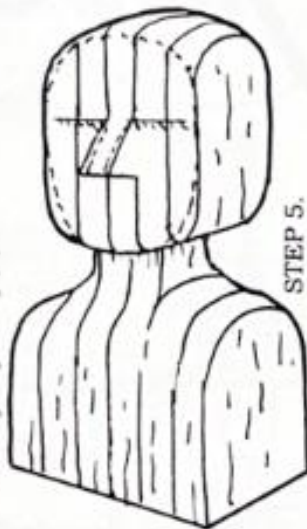
STEP 3.

Cut underside of pilot head to begin to approximate neck width.



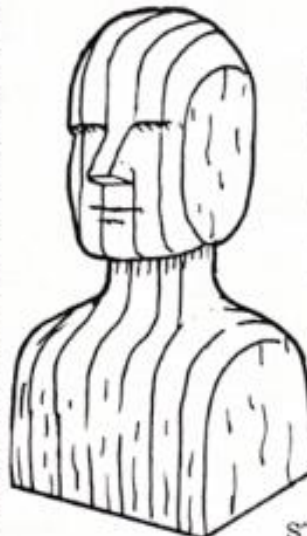
STEP 4.

Using finished pilot in Step (6) as a guide draw outline of face and head on flat face of (4).



STEP 5.

Continue sanding to finish head, neck and shoulders. Important. Add laminates to achieve full shoulder width.



match drawing in Step (6). Thin "Nose" slightly if using 1/4" sheet.

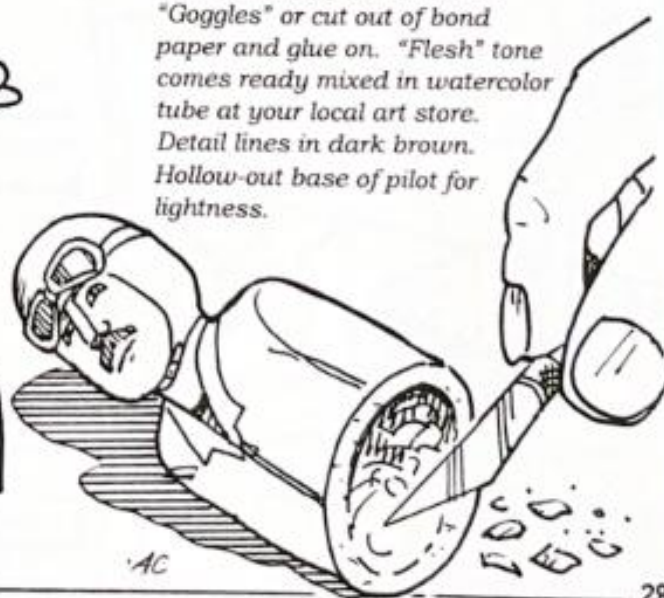


STEP 6.

Paint finished pilot. Paint on "Goggles" or cut out of bond paper and glue on. "Flesh" tone comes ready mixed in watercolor tube at your local art store. Detail lines in dark brown. Hollow-out base of pilot for lightness.



Use same formula for Jet Pilot or antique flyer.



Enlarge or reduce these drawings for different scale pilots. You can substitute blue foam for balsa

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How good is the MiniNeurone GPS Tracker?

The Flying Neurons MiniNeurone System is rapidly becoming one of the most impressive innovations in free flight and aeromodelling technology. Designed and manufactured in France, the MiniNeurone combines GPS tracking, an FAI-certified altimeter and remote-control functionality into an ultra-light 2.7 gram package, making it ideal for modern competition and sport flying.

One of the standout features is its ability to track a model aircraft over extremely long distances — reportedly more than 15 km line-of-sight — helping flyers recover aircraft quickly and confidently after long flights or unexpected flyaways. The system works together with the Neurone receiver and the NeuroTrack smartphone app, allowing pilots to monitor their aircraft in real time and even replay flights later in 3D.

For free flight competitors, the MiniNeurone offers major advantages. Its FAI EDIC-certified altimeter records accurate height data, timestamps and GPS locations, making contest verification simple and reliable. It can also remotely activate dethermalisers, timers and flash systems, giving pilots greater control and improving model recovery in difficult conditions.

Another particularly useful feature is the MiniNeurone's battery voltage monitoring capability. The system continuously monitors battery voltage and includes low-battery protection modes to help prevent loss of tracking during recovery operations. Flying Neurons recommends changing the battery once it reaches around 3.7 volts, still leaving approximately 50% reserve capacity for safely locating a distant model. If voltage drops too low, the MiniNeurone automatically enters reduced-power modes to conserve energy and continue transmitting its last known position for as long as possible.

Despite its tiny size, the MiniNeurone is packed with advanced technology including GPS, GLONASS, GALILEO and BEIDOU satellite compatibility, along with pressure and temperature sensors for precise flight analysis.

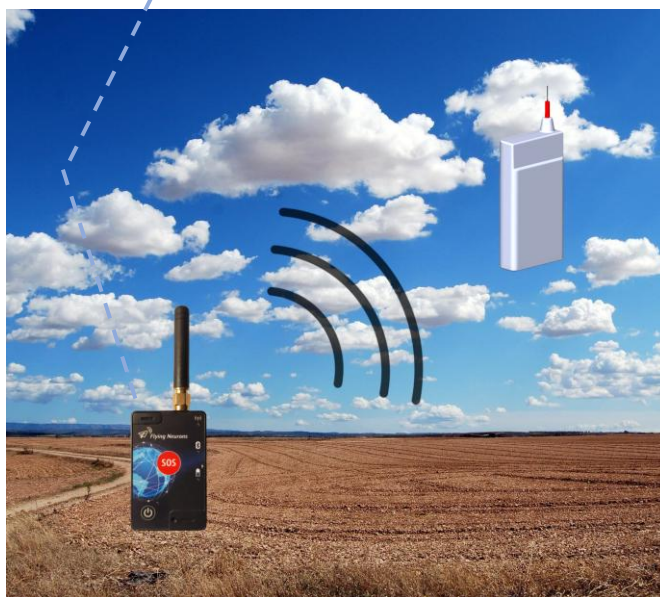
For today's aeromodeller, especially in FAI free flight competition, the MiniNeurone represents a major step forward in both convenience and safety. It reduces the fear of losing valuable models while providing detailed flight data that can help pilots improve performance and enjoy the hobby even more.

Usage TIPS

- Before launching your model make sure it has GPS lock and the MiniNeurone is connected to the Neurone on your arm and it shows up on the Neurotrack mobile app
- Do enable the Voice on the mobile phone app as it will periodically read out the model's distance and altitude without needing to look.
- After the flight you can save your flight to the Abouttime Web cloud for later viewing.
- You do not need to leave your phone on and connected to it all the time in between flights. To save phone battery just connect the app to the MiniNeurone before you fly and while retrieving the model. Once you have found the model you can close the app until next flight.



Bluetooth



Warren Leadbeatter

MODEL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (MAAA) PRESENTS

NSW & VIC STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

F1A, F1B & F1C

FAI FREE FLIGHT COMPETITION



30TH MAY 2026
TO 1ST JUNE 2026



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WEST WYALONG, NSW



TEAM TRIAL EVENT
Represent your club.
Work together. Fly together.
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**OPEN POWER
OPEN RUBBER**
3 Flights 08:00-13:00

2 MINUTE EVENT

2 min Max Mini Event open to
E36, P30, F1G/H/J & Oz Diesel
3 Flights 08:00-13:00



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AB Field West Wyalong

30th May 1st June 2026

NSW and Victorian State Championships for F1A, F1B, F1C

Also

Open Rubber, Open Power and 2-Minute Event

Entry Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

FAI personal ID number _____

Entry Fee: \$20 for NSW, \$20 for Vic (for any number of events)

Accommodation. If you have booked at the farmhouse (NSWFFS members only) add \$15 for each night (minimum 3 nights \$45)

If camping, add \$10 per person per night.

ALL payments to NSWFFS Inc. BSB 062 293, A/C 0090 1281

ALL entries and monies to be in by 26th May. Put your name as the reference.

Email entries to: vinmorgan2@gmail.com and roydi132@optusnet.com.au

or post to: Roy Summersby, 132 The Esplanade, Umina Beach, 2257

Program

Saturday May 31st NSW F1A, F1B, F1C. 5 x 1-hour rounds starting 08:00

Sunday June 1st Vic F1A, F1B, F1C. 5 x 1-hour rounds starting 08:00

Monday June 2nd NSWFFS Open Rubber, Open Power, 2-minute event
3 flights 08:00 to 13:00. Flyoffs 16:00.

Circle events you wish to fly in.

NOTE Open Rubber & open Power can be flown on any day between 8.00 & 13.00

Monday is also a reserve day in case of non-completion of Saturday and Sunday programs.

NOTE: Event days can change due to weather, both forward or back.

The 2-minute event is a three-flight contest for classes that have a 2-minute maximum.

Includes: E-36, P-30, F1G, F1H, F1J, Oz Diesel

Trans Tasman Scale



Weekend Richmond NSW



ENTRY FORM

NAME: _____ AUS No: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

Events (no entry, just \$5 parking fee per day):

Free Flight Scale

F4A

Kit scale

Rubber Scale

Control Line Scale

F4B

Scramble

Mills Trophy
Scramble

Program:

Friday 3rd July:

8am – Static Judging

Saturday 4th July:

8am – Flying Judging

6pm – Dinner at Richmond Club

Sunday 5th July:

8 – 9am – Mills Trophy Scramble

9am – General Flying

11am – Presentation/BBQ

Please notify Michael by 1st July if wanting to attending dinner together at the Richmond club.

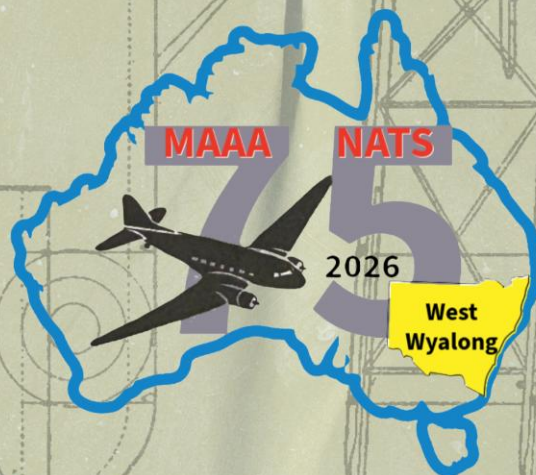
Enquires:

FF - Phil Warren 0405 579 904

CL - Michael Towell 0433 175 295.

**PLEASE SUBMIT ENTRIES BY Monday 30th June. ALL ENTRIES
EMAIL TO mtowell5@icloud.com**

75th MAAA FREE FLIGHT NATIONALS



**ADRIAN BRYANT FIELD
1390 CLEAR RIDGE ROAD
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**23rd to 29th
October 2026**



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NSW FREE FLIGHT CONTEST CALENDER 2026 V1

Date	Event	Venue	Time	CD
January 11	½ Scramble and Combined % BBQ – BYO food	Richmond	7:00am – 12:00pm	Roy Summersby
January 16	General Meeting	Dundas Sports	7:30pm	
February 8	P30 State champs and Combined Vintage	Richmond	7:00am – 12:00pm	Peter Scott
February 22	Unorthodox Day and Scale Rally BBQ – BYO food	Richmond	8:00am -12:00pm	Michael Towell
March 7 - 8	Hunter Valley Championships CL & FF	Muswellbrook	See program	See program
March 15	1 hr Scramble State Champs and Combined % BBQ – BYO food	Richmond	7:00am – 12:00pm	Roy Summersby
March 27	General Meeting	Dundas Sports	7:30pm	
April 12	E36 State Champs and Combined Vintage	Richmond	7:00am – 12:00pm	Michael Towell
April 26 - 30	AFFS Champs + Widgiewa Cup (World Cup Events) + Southern Cross Cup for F1A, B and C	Narrandera	See program	See program
May 1 - 3	AFFS continued at WW – 1 st Combined Vintage, E36, P30 – 2 nd F1 G, H, J, % & Scramble – 3 rd Open Power, Open Rubber, HLG, TLG & CLG – See FFDU - Evening Presentation Dinner	West Wyalong	See program	See program
May 16 - 17	Muswellbrook Veterans Gathering	Muswellbrook	See program	See program
May 22	General Meeting	Dundas Sports	7:30pm	
May 30 – June 1	F1ABC State champs + Open Rubber/Power State Champs + Victorian State Champs for F1ABC	West Wyalong	See program	See program
June 14	Combined F1G, H and J State champs and Combined %	Richmond	7:00am – 12:00pm	Gary Pope
July 3 - 5	Trans Tasman Scale Rally + CL Scale (Fri to Sun) + 1 hr Scramble and Fun Fly BBQ – BYO food	Richmond	7:00am -12:00pm	Phil Warren Michael Towell
July 17	General Meeting	Dundas Sports	7:30pm	
July 25 - 26	Mid Winter Mini Maxout 2min max models (5 flights per day)	West Wyalong	See program	See Program
August 9	Combined Vintage State Champs & Combined %	Richmond	7:00am – 12:00pm	Gary Goodwin
August 29-30	Cowra Oily Hand Weekend	Cowra MAC	See program	See program
September 6	½ hr Scramble and Scale Rally BBQ – BYO food	Richmond	7:00am – 12:00pm	Roy Summersby
September 18	General Meeting & AGM	Dundas Sports	7:30pm	
September 27	HLG/CLG State champs and Combined Vintage	Richmond	7:00am – 12:00pm	Nat Beckett
October 11	Ebenezer Day and George Fuller Event BBQ – BYO Food	Richmond	7:00am – 12:00pm	Michael Towell
October 23 - 29	75 th Free Flight Nationals	West Wyalong	See program	See program
November 8	Precision Power (sport models)	Richmond	7:00am – 12:00pm	Nat Beckett
November 20	General Meeting	Dundas Sports	7:30pm	
November 21	Presentation Dinner	See invite	5pm	
November 27	Friday Xmas Party	Richmond	7:00am-12:00pm	Michael - Lyn
December 6	½ hr Scramble + Christmas Party BBQ – BYO Food	Richmond	7:00am-12:00pm	Michael Towell

*** NOTE: ALL SCRAMBLES START AT 8:00AM ***