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Presidents Report - December 2016

The Bacchus Marsh Model Aircraft Association Committee would like to wish all its Club Members and friends a very Merry Christmas and a safe 2017.

With the end of another year we have seen a lot happen over the last 12 months. With the Club finding a new flying field and becoming the caretakers to the new State Field Western. We have a lot of work in front of us but the Committee believes we can achieve a great outcome. 2017 is going to be a new start for the Club with a much larger flying field to enjoy what we love to do..... fly model aircraft.

The Club has seen the passing of a couple of senior Club Members with Doug Robertson and Gary Sunderland. May they RIP. We also had a couple of Club Members with health issue that are recovering well and back on track.



Leo's galore at the ready.....

star rating given to my trailer...

The Moira Model Aircraft Club have a man cave Club house, a great shade area, a great shower with a large diesel generator for lights and power. Great setup.

I set up a stretcher in the front of the trailer already for a great weekend with plenty of laughter, camaraderie and flying. The car fridge was already for the weekend with all my drinks very cold and waiting for me to indulge.

It was not long before the scanner and Leo wanker were all assembled, charged and fueled. Up first we had a great time flying the scanners around at full speed getting the lay of the land.



On Thursday, the 24th Nov, I decided I would head to Moira Model Aircraft Club for the weekend. I left around noon Friday in the work van with the trailer loaded with models. I arrived around 3.15pm. I parked the trailer and van next to Ken Mollison whom come up on Thursday afternoon. I quickly said hello to a great bunch of friendly aero modelers and started getting models out and putting them together.

This time I was going to stay out at the flying field for the weekend instead of having to drive back and forth from a motel or caravan park which proved successful with a 3



Next meeting of BMMAA will be held at the RSL Hall on Wednesday 14 December 2016, starting at 8:00 pm. This is our monthly meeting to discuss Club business and up and coming events.

Please come along and support the Club.

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Ken had his big extra, Scanner, Radian Pro glider and his new Leo Wanker with a OS GF30 gas, 4 stroke petrol engine up the front running a 3-blade prop and spinner.

When it started the sound was very nice to listen to. It had plenty of power too.

Once the motor warmed up which didn't take long Ken taxied out and took off over the lake. I believe Ken said it only needed a couple of clicks of elevator was all that was needed to trim in the model.

My Leo wanker has an OS 120 pumped engine up the front. I couldn't catch Ken's Leo even though he was flying at 1/2 throttle and I was at full throttle. A great relaxing weekend had by all.



Photo 1. Setting things up



Photo 2. Setting things up

Sunday came around to fast and I needed to leave by 1pm so I had time to drive back unhook the trailer and put my work equipment back in the van for work on Monday morning... :)

Once again, I would like to thank all the Moira Model Aircraft Club Members that welcomed me for a great weekend.

On Wednesday, the 7th December KMRC Jets (Kingtech Turbines Australia) were invited down to HMAS Cerberus to check the installation of two K45 Turbines.

We arrived just a little after 11am and met up with Andrew Rolfe at the security gate to be signed in and Andy Roberts at the challenge site on the base.

The challenge is for teams of 5 people to work together in their field of trade to work out the challenge board which cover electrical, mechanical, hydraulics and electronics. (See Photo 1) this challenge should take 5 hours to do.

After the 5 hours it should look like this. (See Photo 2)

Very interesting to hear how the teams participate and the challenge itself. The KingTech turbines performed as expected with the team from (Andrews and Andy Team from NSW) winning the challenge on Thursday using KingTech turbines..... Fantastic.

The weather still doesn't know what it what's to do. Hopefully it is going to start get better for flying and warmer. The days are getting longer so hopefully we can do a lot more flying. All we need is for the wind to drop off from hurricane force to flying conditions. Even better..!!



**The landlord, Mr Bob Hawk
..... Still boss...and wishing you
all a Merry Christmas....**

I would like to thank all the Committee and Club Members for their support through 2016. As a Club we have been successful once again and the outlook looks very bright.

Please be aware that Club Members should pass all inquiries about the combination code to a Committee Member and not give the code out to anybody.

Good flying practices:

Just a friendly reminder, when you proceed to the flight line, and if someone is already flying please speak to the other pilot before taking off. When you do take off you need to take off in the direction of the circuit that is being flown. So if the other pilot is flying clockwise circuit please fly the same circuit not the opposite. The general rule is to follow the first pilot flying unless the direction of the wind has changed. Again, you need to speak with the other pilot so he knows what is going on and what you are doing. It is a



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safer option and communications is a great thing when used.

If you need or want to practice a routine, please speak to the other pilots before heading out and you will find they will be more than happy to give you a hand and let you fly your routine without other aircraft flying around or near you.

On a safety Note:

All models should be armed and started outside the pit area, they should be well restrained and started facing away from the pit area. With no taxiing in the pit area at all.

And a reminder that all flying must be done forward of the centre line of the runway. No flying over your head or behind the flight line. No exceptions and this includes Helicopters, Gliders, Quadcopters & take off & landings.

Range Checks:

Please do a range check of your radio before your first flight of the day just to make sure everything is working correctly. Another great feature of our computer radios is a Fail Safe capability. For your own and the safety of others can you make sure your fail safe is activated on your radio and model and working correctly.

Another important note is, make sure it is working properly with the right orientation. If you do not know how to set it up, let me or one of the Committee Members know so we can assist you. It is a feature you should be aware of and use based on safety itself.

If you are planning to go to the field by yourself or find yourself there on your own, let someone know that you are at the field and the approximate time you are leaving. Even a simple text message letting someone know that you are leaving the field ensures we look after each other and is part of the Club ethics.

Even though not a Club Rule, this is part of the overall safety conditions we all need to be aware of and ensure this simple step is followed for your own safety.

Please keep up the good work of taking all your rubbish home with you at the end of the day. It is pleasing to see the field clean and tidy.

Over and Out.....

Regards

Michael Whelan

BMMAA President



Working Bees



Working bees are normally held on Sunday after the Club Monthly Meeting starting at 9:30 am. If this is changed or cancelled, you will be notified via email as soon as possible after the meeting.

*Thanks
Ed*



Brown Snake

That time of the year.....

Yes, Joe Blake have come out to play or feed and these are few of the locals. Normally, they will leave you alone if they hear noise, but can be temperamental and territorial.



King Brown



Red Bellie Black

Just be aware as the weather becomes warmer they will be on the move. Whether you are at the old or new field, be aware of your surroundings....



Tiger Snake

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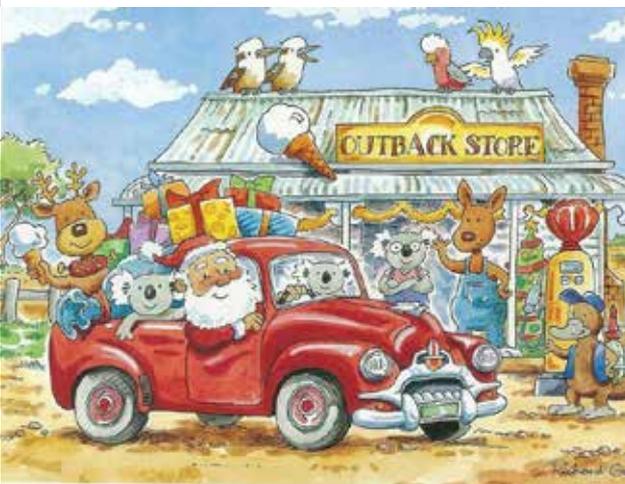
Well, here we are at our last meeting for the year getting ready for another festive season. The weather has certainly been off track for Spring with wind stronger than normal and still cold in December...!!! strange indeed. Is it climate change or is Mother Nature just trying to tell us that she is still boss.

The warmer weather is starting to show itself, but it does not take long and we are back to rain and low temperatures. Hopefully, it will settle down so we can enjoy some flying. Don't forget if you go out flying you slip, slop and slap as the Sun takes a toll. If you go out to the field by yourself, let someone know. It is a matter of playing it safe and looking after each other.

The warmer weather will bring out many things including snakes so keep an eye out and be aware of your surroundings. Most of the time they will not bother you, but you just don't know.

The Club has had a busy year in regards to purchasing land and becoming the host Club for State Field Western. It was not easy and we did have disappointment with the loss of the first property, but we were lucky enough to get another that was even better. Work has started as you know and the VMAA is providing funding so the entrance, gates and cross over can be built. We are just waiting for the funds to be transferred so we can progress to the next stage.

We have been waiting for the paddock to be cut and bailed. That has happened so the Committee is hoping to go out to mark out the suggested field layout. We can then have a look and see what it looks like on the ground. No doubt our priority is the car park and runway as without these items we cannot be operational. Everything else will come with time and the Committee has made up a priority list of tasks. These may change or amended as we move forward, but we are moving.



Over the next 6 months we will be moving items from the old field to the new such as toilets and the current container. This will probably happen once the runway is established and provide a temporary facilities. Existing times ahead.

I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a fantastic festive season and thank you the articles, support and the many laughs along the way. Hopefully Santa will bring another model under the tree for you or maybe just a needed part to make the next project get off the ground. Remember to stay safe and enjoy the break for those of you that are lucky enough to be able sit back and relax for a few days.

Remember, the only way is up.....

Ed

INDOOR FLYING HADDON COMMUNITY HALL

By Clive Phillips

Indoor night flying is conducted by the Ballarat Aeromodellers at the Haddon Community Hall on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the non daylight saving months, starting at 6pm. Best give Kevin Howard a call before hand 0418867181 or speak with Clive. Here's a couple of pictures.

Jill Bee is ready for motor, timer and battery, FF for indoor and reasonably calm outdoors.



Jack Bee



RC Depron Bug



Swarm of Bugs.....



In Loving Memory



Gary Sunderland

6 OCTOBER 1934 - 3 NOVEMBER 2016
82 years

Bacchus Marsh Gliding Clubhouse
2pm Friday 11 November 2016

Do not stand at my grave and weep,
I am not there, I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow;
I am the diamond glints in the snow.
I am the sunlight that ripened grain;
I am the gentle autumn's rain.
When you awaken in the morning's hush,
I am the swift uplifting rush.
Of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft star that shines at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry.
I am not there; I did not die.

Mary Elizabeth Frye

On the 11 Nov 2016, Gary Sunderland was laid to rest at Bacchus Marsh. He was an icon in his own right with many years of aviation experience which included modelling.

The turn out for Gary was fantastic, with many people attending the service at Bacchus March Gliding Club. Gary touched many people in his journey of life and made many friends over the years.

His passion, determination and his

wiliness to share his experiences was rewarding to those that appreciated Gary.

He will be sadly missed by BMMAA but leaves a legacy that will be remembered for many years to come.

Thank you to all that attended the service to celebrate his amazing life. RIP



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At the Field..... and other places

Article: Ed

Photos: Michael (did you get that) Whelan



Michael's wing above. Both sides were damaged and below is the most hated piece of grass that Michael has set eyes on....



It has been quite at the field lately because of the strange weather, but we have ventured out on the odd occasions. Michael managed to put a whole in his scanner wing..... on both side, due to a clump of grass at the one end of the runway. Michael not only hit it once, but twice. I dare say if he tried to do that, he would never hit it.

Michael also mentioned he went to Cobram for a weekend flying with the MMAC and provided a few photos (as he does) and enjoyed the flying with Ken and a few others. Plenty of fun and laughs by all account and the stories are still coming out... Hmmm

They did join a number of pilots and by all accounts over the weekend which turned out to be a fantastic weekend with plenty of flying. Most stayed in their 5-star trailer accommodation with only one or two drinks at night...!!! The hospitality once again was first class by the Club MMAC and I dare say another visit will be planned.

I am hoping to go up next time as I have been at MMAC before and can certainly say the field is excellent and you are made welcome. Jason Sagaidak, President would be more than happy to provide a tour. Jason has also joined BMMAA and we hope to gain a few more Members once State Field Western is up and running.

Stay tuned for updates.....

Ed



Jason cutting the grass field (MMAC) after having so much rain..... Farmer Jas..!!!



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A weekend at MMAC..... Yeah Baby.. !!



VMAA Trophy Weekend 29 to 30 April 2017

The VMAA Trophy Weekend will be conducted in April 2017 and will be held at Darraweit Guim (NFG Host Club). The VMAA Trophy has some changes this time round to make thing a little bit more interesting. Details will be coming out soon so stay tuned.

The Martians have done reasonable well at the event as a new Club on the scen and I hope we can get a team together again to take part. I know we have some great pilots within the Club.



To you and yours, may Christmas bring you joy, lots of laughter with may a drink or two. Stay safe and see you all in 2017. The only way is up.....



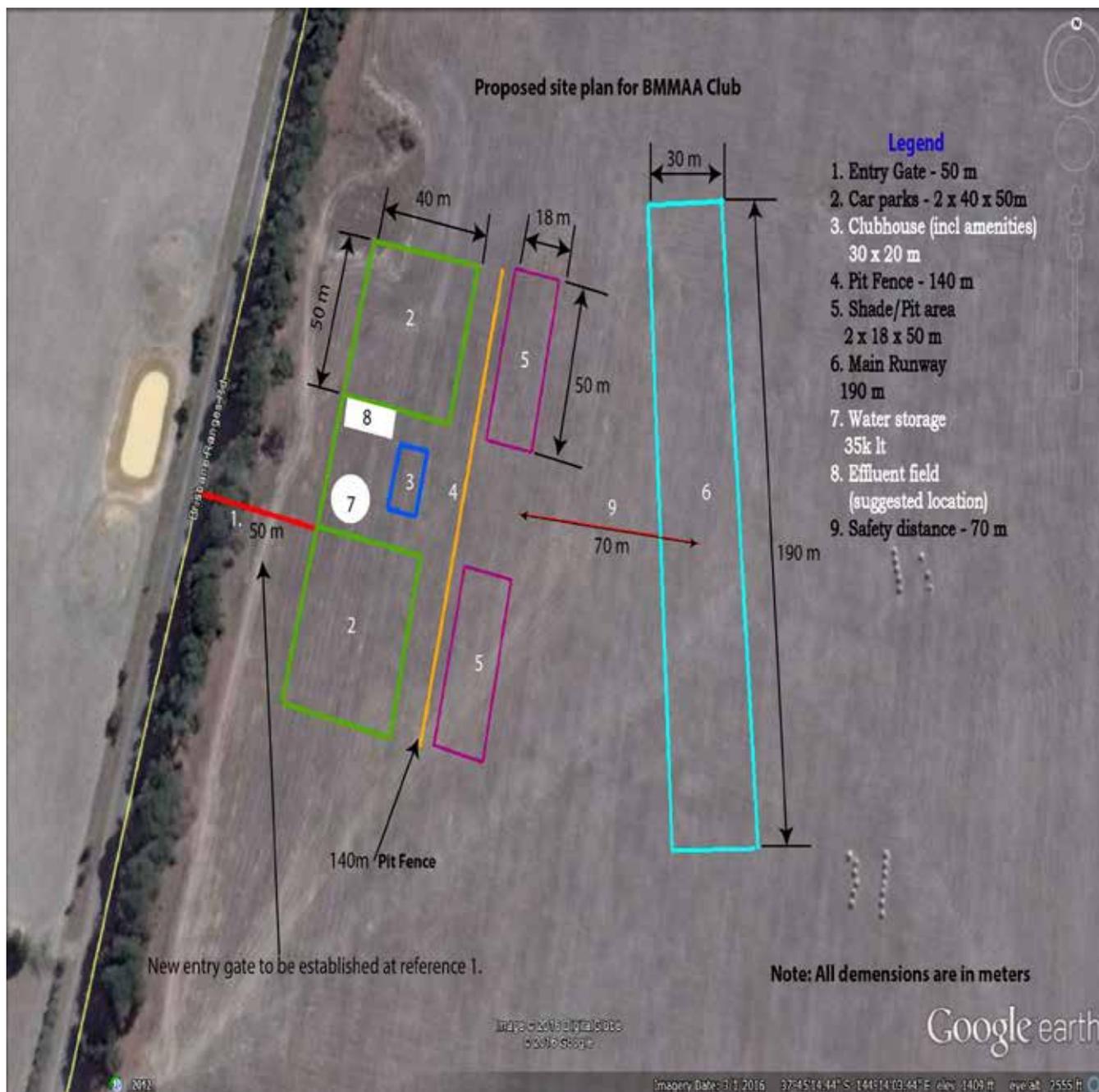
Silver Wings

BMMAA has received its Silver Wings (above) based on the list our Secretary sent to the VMAA. Come along to the meeting on Wednesday night as the Secretary has the list.

See you then...

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Proposed new Flying Site



New flying site - 26A Brisbane Ranges Road, Mount Wallace

The above proposed site plan was submitted to Council to give them an idea of size and what we may have on the block. This plan since it was submitted has changed slightly based on need and site evaluation. As we have mentioned before, to see the plan on the ground pegged out, will give us a good idea if it will work at all. It also provides a basis for others to see what the proposal looks like and make suggestions, if any, so we get this right the first time.

The Committee will continue to work with Club Members, providing updates on a number of issues as it has done in the past. We also need to increase our Membership and this needs to be done following our procedures and trying to make sure all new Members understand our philosophy and Club ethos.

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MAAA Newsletter

The latest WingSpan newsletter is now available from the MAAA website. Go to www.maaa.asn.au and have a read of the latest news from around the nation
29 November 2016

The newsletter and MAAA web site contains plenty of information and articles from a number of different areas.



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Ed's Tib Bits

If you are not sure of a safety issue, process or procedures, the MAAA MoPs provided a valuable guidance and direction. It is up to every individual to become familiar with the MoPs. If you are not sure, don't make it up!!!! Go to the MoPs and find out..... It may save embarrassment later....

MAAA MOPs that you should read.....

MOP001 - Accident Reporting

MOP055 - Alcohol, Drugs & Medical Conditions Policy

MOP018 - Night Flying

MOP027 - Award of Wings and Instructor Rating

Click on [here](#) to go to the MOP area of the MAAA Web Site

