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Presidents Report - March/April 2016

Well the days are just flying along as it only feels like Christmas – New year's was only a couple of weeks ago and now with daylight saving over the daylight is getting much shorter.

Welcome to the BMMAA March - April 2016 Club Newsletter. There are few photos in the newsletter so I hope you enjoy them plus the articles.

Well, on behalf of your Club Committee I would like to take this opportunity to thanks all the Club Members that come out and helped at the resent Ballan flying display at the annual Ballan Tractor Pull. Plus, we recently had the annual VFSAA Scale event at the field. It was a little disappointing that we actually had more Club Members at the field to help than scale pilots flying for the day.

With that said, Gary Sunderland flew in Scale (scratch built) event and Kevin Curwood, along with Les Spaltman Scale Flying Only (ARF flying only event). I believe Kevin came 8th & Les came 7th place. Well done for their first try at Scale. I would also like to wish Les Spaltman a happy birthday and many happy returns from all of us.

We have a new Club Member that joined our ranks recently, Clive Phillips who introduced himself at the Ballan Tractor Pull and after a bit of a chat, thought the Club was the right place for him. So on the behalf of the Committee and all Club Members we welcome you.

The BMMAA turnout at the Ballan Flying Display was down from the year before and we had an old Club Member Doug Henwood come down from Mathoura to join in with the display by flying his big Cub. The display itself went very well with the Moorabool Shire Council coming out to visit us as well. They were very impressed with what that saw and heard.

I would also take this opportunity to thank the following Club Members again for their support. Ken Mollison (KMRC Jets), Garry Thiele & Don Murphy for their donations for the BMMAA raffle at the Ballan Tractor Pull. This year was a little different with the Club having its own P.A. system (Worked very well) and the Club banner set up at the raffle gazebo. We also had a signup sheet so people could put their names down if they wanted to come out to the Club and have a fly of a trainer on a buddy box.

At the end of the day we had 4 or 5 people on the list which I have passed on to our Secretary, Garry Thiele to follow up. You never know, but potentially we could have some new Club Members.

Joe Finocchiaro and myself have been helping Neil Killeen learn to fly his radian glider and would like to congratulate Neil after running him through several flight out at the field we have granted Neil to fly solo out at the BMMAA field so well done Neil.

Next meeting of BMMAA will be held at the RSL Hall on Wednesday 13 April 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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On a sad note the container out at the field was broken into and the following has been stolen.

1. The four stroke lawn mower which was donated to the club several years ago by Mark Peterson;
2. The electric Ern;
3. The container with the sauces, tea, coffee, sugar, cutting board and BBQ utensils;
4. The gas burner ring; and
5. Some of the leftover coke & coke zero cans.

The lock had been broken out of the lockbox and the container was left open when I arrived at the feed a couple of weeks back. The gate was still locked and both gates closed.

We remind all members that all engines are to be started at the starter stands and electric models are to

also be armed at the starter stands, NOT IN THE PIT AREA.

And a quick 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. This is part of safety for you and others and we need to make sure these simple rules are followed.

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



*The landlord, Mr Bob Hawk
..... Still boss...*

Editor's Report – March/April 2016

It has been a couple of months since our last newsletter. The Committee and I have been busy with the land acquisition and preparing for the Council meeting at 4:00 pm Wednesday, 13 April. Yes, it is on the same night as our Club meeting so we are hoping to bring some good news with us. The intention of the meeting is to hear a couple of objections and determine whether council will provide approval to the planning permit we have submitted for the Ballan property.

The Club will have an opportunity to answer any concerns and answer any other questions council may have at this meeting. If all goes well, we are hoping that we will have an answer either way. It has been a long 7 months with many hours consumed preparing information and answering questions. The Moorabool Council have been very helpful in assisting with the process and getting us to where we are now. The MAAA and VMAA are supporting us in our venture and will continue to do so until this project is over.

The current land project may not go ahead, but will it be the end??? Hopefully not. We will continue and try and find a piece of land that will suit our fantastic hobby and keep our Club together. Keep your ears and eyes open..... You never know what will come up...

The Ballan Tractor Pull event (which is our display day) was another success for the Club. We did not have as many pilots as last time but we certainly had plenty of models to place on display. This year we had our own PA system which worked a treat as we could provide our own commentary on what was happening on the flight line and a means to highlight our own raffle over the course of the day. The event was also significant in that we had the Moorabool Council attend specifically to see our models in action and how our Club does business. The council was suitably impressed in what they saw and how we managed our sport.

Well done to all those that participated and assisted with the event. Big thank you Rudaba, Scott and Syd who helped out with selling of the raffle tickets. Our PVA (Peter) wins the "most models out of the trailer" award. I think the count was 14 or 16. It's all in the packing...

Our President has acknowledge all those that sponsored the Club raffle which is greatly appreciated. We also have a few people that have placed their names down to come out and have a fly at the Club field. We are following up on this now so stand by for further details and how you can help.

Again, have a look at the photos in the newsletter. We hope 2017 will be just as good if not better. But that can only

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happen if we all help out. See you there. Congratulations to Calvin and Lyn Jewell who won the Trainer package on the day. A very happy couple who are looking forward in flying their new trainer. Photos are included of the happy winners.

On other fronts, there have been many events happening around the traps with the VMAA Calendar full of activities and display days. We had our Scale day at the field with Garry Sunderland, Les Spaltman and Kevin Curwood having a go. All three did very well during the course of the day. Unfortunately, the wind came up in the afternoon and the event was cut short.

Model Engines have been busy with their Multiplex events and fun flies. Another will be held this Sunday (17 April) at the State Field Darraweit Guim. Have a look at the flyer in the newsletter for details plus a few others as well.

The Victoria Jet Aircraft Association (VJAA) had the second event at Mangalore in March and I was lucky enough to attend along with Ken Mollison. I clocked up another 4 flights with the Foremost while Ken took out his Xcalibur few times to tear up the sky and put on another great smoke display. Certainly grabbed the attention of the other pilots.

Weather was good all day with the added bonus of being with friends sharing a laugh or tow. We are preparing now for Wangaratta Jets which is on from 15 to 17 April at the Wangaratta Airport. If you want to come up and see some great models and flying over three days.

At the field recently, Garry Sunderland was testing flying his new E5 (World War 1 vintage of course), which was a mono plane and not a Bi plane..... very unusual for Garry. The model was developed at the end of the war so was one of the first mono planes to fly. The E5 flew very well and Garry walked away with a smile. Good job.

Well that is about it for now but before I sign off for another month, have a think if you want to join the Committee and help out. As a Committee Member, you have direct input into the Club business and provide valuable dialog in a number of issues so the Club can continue to improve over the next 12 months....

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

Ed



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**

5 Seconds of Madness..... with Dinosaurs

Q: What does Triceratops sit on?

A: Its Tricera-bottom!

Q: What's the best way to talk to a Velociraptor?

A: Long distance!

Q: Why did the T. Rex cross the road?

A1: Because chickens hadn't evolved yet.

A2: Because it was chasing a chicken.

A3: Because it was being chased by a chicken.

A4: Because it thought it was a chicken.

Dad: Why are you crying?

Son: Because I wanted to get a dinosaur for my baby sister.

Dad: That's no reason to cry.

Son: Yes, it is. No one would trade me

BMMAA Display Day for Ballan Tractor Pull - 21 February 2016

Article by: Ed

Photos by: Michael Whelan



Some of the Crew, From Left... Peter (PVA) Jim H, Michael W, Dougie H, Kevin C, Kevin T, Syd H, Les S, Ken M, Peter S and yours truly. Good job, great day.....

As you would have seen by the reports, our display day at the Ballan Tractor Pull was another successful event. We did not have as many pilots as last year, but there were plenty of models on display. From electric foameys' to turbines were represented on the day. Thank you to Peter (PVA) for once again, bringing so many models in one trailer. Yes, each model has a place and you dare not forget where in the trailer they go otherwise the whole system goes askew. Nice work.

As per normal we had many visitors during the

course of the day including many children. We did not have the lolly dropper this year, but we hope next year it will make an appearance again. Kids love those lollies from the sky.

We also had Moorabool Shire Council come out to see how we operated and to observe how our models operate. The Council was very impressed as we showed everything from a J3 Club flown by Doug Henwood, Peter Stefurak with his Beast and Ken Mollison starting up the big Xcalibur Plus. The show was first class and plenty of questions were asked. This of course was all about the planning permit for the new land and the subsequent meeting held by the council.

As we know, the meeting went very well with all questions answered accordingly to the objections we had. Good job to all who took part in the event and donated their time. It is important for the Club to hold events like this and showcase our fantastic



*Some of the displays at Ballan.
Many things to see*



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sport to the public.

The weather itself was near perfect on the day as we normally experience hot and dusty conditions as it is hot in February. Not this year. Great weather all day. This was made even better with our new PA system. This really worked very well and kept locals in the loop in what we were doing on the flight line.



Gougie Henwood, helped by Jim Hill, prepare the J3 Cub for action... Well done



the day. Special thank you to Rudaba and Scott

We are hoping Ballan 2017 will be even better. If you can donate a half a day or the whole day, it does help the Club



A very happy Calvin and Lyn Jewell who won the Club raffle prize. I am sure Calvin will have a lot of fun and we hope they both enjoy our fantastic sport as we do.

The raffle this year was a cracker with a trainer, radio and engine all donated by Club Members. Michael has acknowledge the sponsors in his report but appreciation again must go to Ken, Don and Garry T. The Club made a good profit on the day based on the sponsor's donations.

The Raffle was won by Calvin and Lyn Jewell from Bannickburn (Near Geelong, see photo). Thank you to all the helpers that sold raffle tickets through

and our fantastic sport.

See you on the flip side...
Ed



The Moorabool Council watching as Peter Stefurak goes through a routine with his Beast below... Great flying.



Club Treasurer, Deb Hill having a chat with Club Member Rudaba. Thank you ladies for supporting the event and Club...



Peter (PVA) and his Vampire. One of many model Peter bought out on the day....

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Scale Fun Fly 2016

Sunday May 15th



**VMAA State Field Eastern
Bairnsdale**

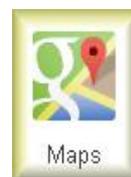


www.badmac.org.au

This is a "Scale" fun fly day, any model resembling a full-size flying machine is welcome. A registration fee applies, as it is a fund-raiser for our club, with catering, camaraderie and lots of air-space to fly in.



State Field Eastern is at Bengworden Rd.
Opposite Boundary Rd. Goon Nure, 3875, Victoria
For information about the field, see www.statefieldeast.blogspot.com



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MODEL ENGINES' FUN FLY

VIC 2016 *Sunday 17th April at
Northern Flying Group*

ON THE DAY

- \$1000's worth of Lucky Dip prizes to be drawn at 3pm
- Latest releases to be demonstrated by the Model Engines' Display Team
- A relaxed and great family fun day at a leading Australian premier RC Flying Field
- Hot food & drinks available all day
- Excess prizes will be auctioned with all proceeds going to NFG

WHEN AND WHERE

When: Sunday 17th April **Start:** 9am

Where: Northern Flying Group

Address: State Field Darraweit Guim, Victoria

PARTICIPANTS

Entry is open to all pilots who fly the following:

- Any plane powered by an O.S Engine or Electric Motor
- Any plane controlled by a Hitec or Multiplex Radio
- Any Phoenix or Seagull ARF model powered by anything

Registration is on the day between 9am-11am**

Entry Fee is a \$5 donation (for up to 3 aircraft). All proceeds go to NFG

**NFG requires a current MAAA Membership to fly! Heavy Model Permits required for aircraft over 7kg



UP AND COMING CLUB COMPETITIONS

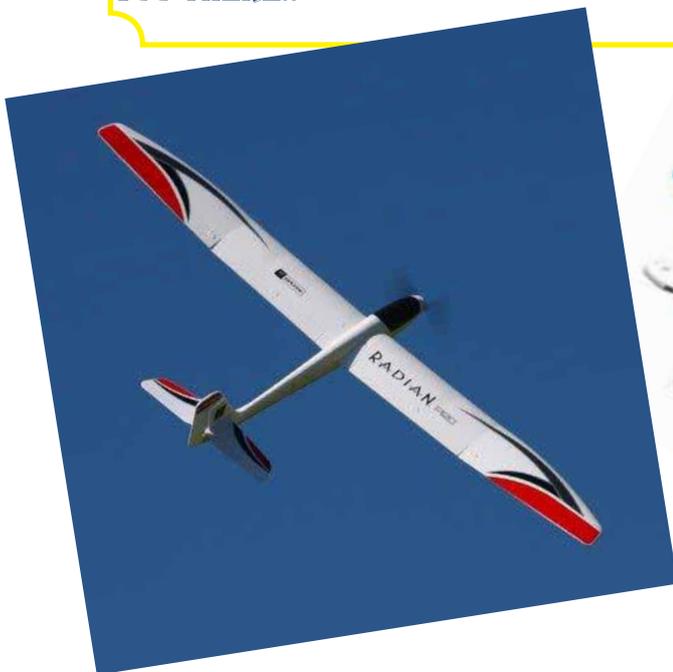
22 MAY AND 26 JUNE 2016

OUR ILLUSTRIOUS CONTEST DIRECTOR, LES IS ORGANISING TWO EVENTS SO WE CAN HAVE A FEW LAUGHS, LOTS OF FUN AND WIN SOMETHING.....

COME ALONG AND BE PART OF THE FUN AND HAVE A GO. ALL YOU NEED IS A RADIAN (OR A GLIDER THAT IS CLOSE) OR SCANNER.

THE DATES BEING LOOKED AT ARE 22 MAY (GLIDER) AND 26 JUNE (SCANNER RACING). IF YOU CAN MAKE IT TO ONE OF THE EVENTS THEN THAT IS GREAT, IF YOU CAN IT TO BOTH, FANTASTIC. WE ARE STILL IN THE PLANNING STAGES TO WORK OUT SOME RULES AND WHAT PRIZES WE MAY HAVE..... (THE SEC WILL TAKE YOU OUT FOR A DRINK..... OMG).

COME ALONG TO THE NEXT CLUB MEETING AND HAVE SOME INPUT. SEE YOU THERE..



VMAA Trophy

The VMAA Trophy Weekend will be conducted in October this year and held at P&DARCS (Pakenham). The idea of moving the event to allow other Clubs to participate and reduce the distance for those that come a long way each year.

The Martians have done reasonable well at the event and I hope we can get a team together again to take part. You don't have to be at the event for both days and to get to the field is easy as most of the road is all highway.. Something else to take part in as a Club team again.

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VMAA Trophy Weekend

Oct 08 to 09, 2016

To be held at P&DARCS (Pakenham)



The Trophy rules make it fair for smaller Clubs to

have a go with a good chance of doing well against big Clubs. Enter as many events as you can. Your best six of the ten events will count.

A pilot can compete in two events only and 'assist' other pilots/team members in other events. All Clubs will be asked to provide people to act as judges or time-keepers for some events.

Trophy Events:

- Fun Scale
- 2 x Helicopter events
- Thermal Soaring
- Scale Aerobatics
- Electric Glider
- Old Timer Duration
- Sports Limbo
- Musical Landings
- Combat

The aim of this event is to encourage Association Clubs to have a go as a team over the two days. The event that has the emphasis on fair play, maximum fun and competition.

The event will be held at **P&DARCS, 30 Fowler Road, Cardinia**. Catering available both days and on site. Camping facilities available. Motels and caravan parks are available nearby.

If you need further information, please contact the VMAA CD; Joe Finocchiaro on Mobile: 0425 708 654, email contestdirector@vmaa.com.au
Rules and conditions will be posted on the VMAA Website
www.vmaa.com.au over the next couple of weeks

The Trophy weekend has been modified to ten (10) events. All rules are being reviewed for the 2016 competition



Whats been happening at the field....

Article by: Ed
Photos by: Michael Whelan

Garry Sunderland has been at it again with a new model from the early years of flight. This time his E5 monoplane, Yes, you read write, monoplane. Garry has been test flying and making adjustments so he can fly in scale completion. Another scratch built of course and has a character of its own. This was one of the first of the mono types late in the WW1. The model has been seen at the field a couple of times and a camera just so happened to be available (thank Michael W). Photos show the model in action and like always, it looks like we have stepped back in time 100 years....

Below is a bit of history on the aircraft and how it come to be. Well done Garry on another example of what flight used to be.

E5 Fokker Eindecker fighters

The Fokker Eindecker fighters were a series of German World War I monoplane single-seat fighter aircraft designed by Dutch engineer Anthony Fokker.[2] Developed in April 1915, the first Eindecker ("Monoplane") was the first purpose-built German fighter aircraft and the first aircraft to be fitted with a synchronization gear, enabling the pilot to fire a machine gun through the arc of the propeller without striking the blades.[2] The Eindecker gave the German Air Service a degree of air superiority from July 1915 until early 1916. This period, during which Allied aviators regarded their poorly armed aircraft as "Fokker Fodder", became known as the "Fokker Scourge"

Ed



Garry goes through his preflight checks with his E5 at the field recently. The model flew well, but you cannot get over how small



the rudder was on these aircraft. True to form, looking at this model was like taken a time warp..



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VFSAA Scale Event Sunday, 6 March 2016



*Article by: Ed
Photos by: Michael Whelan*

The Victorian Flying Scale Aircraft Ass (VFSAA) held the annual scale event at our field. The entry numbers were low this year with only 9 pilots. Three of the pilots were Garry Sunderland E5, Kevin Curwood, Twin Otter and Les Spaltman, J3 Cub. For Kevin and Les, this was their first time in a scale completion and gave it a good shot. All three accounted for themselves very well and helped in making the event what it was.



The weather started of great in the morning, but by early afternoon the wind came up which made it difficult to continue. So by 2:00 pm it was all over red rover. Unfortunately, Noel Whitehead miss judged the trees at the Northern end and damaged his RV4. Can be repaired and I believe Noel has a spare set of wings....

Makes it a little easier for the rebuild.



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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

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

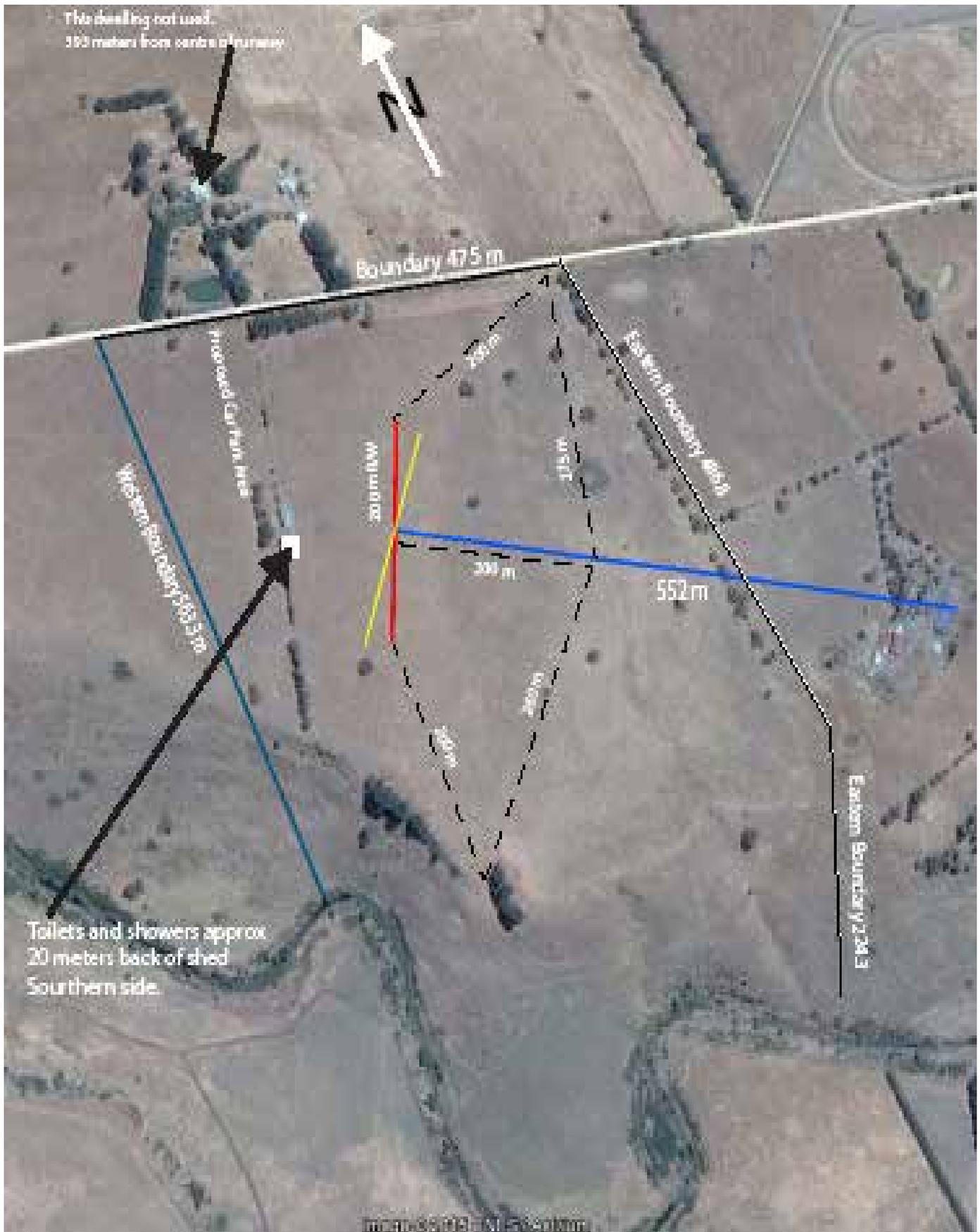
MOP055 - Alcohol, Drugs & Medical Conditions Policy

MOP018 - Night Flying

MOP027 - Award of Wings and Instructor Rating

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

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Above is a suggested layout of the proposed field. Once we know if the property will be bought we can get to work. The MAAA/VMAA are supporting us and will assist were they can. Good place to be....

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