



## Mt Wallace State Field - Home of MWMAA

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### *President's Report February 2020*

HI All Club Members

I hope you all had a great Christmas and a Happy New Year. With the new year now in full swing, it is anticipated we will progress further with our field. By the time you read the newsletter, we should finally have the quote for the irrigation system so we can move forward to completing this task and develop the main runway even further. This will be a giant step towards having a lush green grassed surface for all aircraft to fly from. The committee will then keep moving forward and tackle the toilet and shower block. There has been work done in parallel for both projects.

We have also completed our first Bunnings Sausage Sizzle for the year. Again it was successful due to the support by Club members which is great to see. Mark will have a full report on Wednesday night so come along to hear the details. We hope to have another later in the year.

The amenities is major project that will be achieved with the assistance of the VMAA and hopefully, grants from the new wind farms power suppliers in the area. There are a number of possibilities with the right people like Mark and Neil doing a great job in keeping things moving with our grant requests.

The next event is the Ballan Tractor Pull which is not far away. This is our major event for the Club and we are hoping for a good turn out from Club members to participate by either flying or having their models on show. Every little bit helps that will showcase our sport and club to the general public.

In regard to the flying display at the tractor pull, it is hoped that the members doing the flying will be able to put on a good display with their chosen model. The Wow factor is always good, but we need to make sure we fly safe at all times. If in the case you are not yet a rated flyer for a display (gold wing standard) you will not be able to participate in the flying display. Any concerns, please speak with the Display Director or Safety Officer.

On the side of promotion and safety, may I ask if you are planning to go out for a fly at the field, place a post onto face book to maybe attract other members to join you. There is the old saying the more the merrier.

That's it for now and don't forget to come to the next club meeting to be part of the discussion.

**Regards**  
**Ken Mollison**  
**President**

Next meeting will be held at the RSL Hall ***on Wednesday 12 February 2020, starting at 8:00 pm. at the RSL Hall, Main Street, Bacchus Marsh.*** This will be our first for the year so please come along and be part of the conversation and discuss Club business and any up and coming events.

**Remember to slip, slop, slap over summer**  
**Please sign in/Out and bring out the Extinguishers**



## *Editors Round up, February 2020*

Well January is already gone and here we are in the middle of February. Must be an age thing as it seems as I am getting older the days/weeks are moving faster. The first part of the new year is certainly going to be busy with Ballan Tractor Pull on 16 Feb, followed by our Try and Fly day on 01 March and two weeks later the Glider weekend on 14/15 March. Yep, busy few weeks.

But these events can only succeed if the committee has the support of the Club members. You don't need to spend the whole day at the field but a couple of hours does help and spreads the work load. So if you can assist, let Syd know when call it put out.

All three events will promote our Club and our fantastic sport to the general public and other modellers alike. Hopefully, it will generate interest and with the best outcome being new members. We have already some past members re-joining which is great and I have been busy instructing Luke once again. The way his is flying, he will have his wings very soon.

I have also watched other doing some training and I have heard students say "I am useless at this". No, you are not useless, you just need to practice and go out to the field as much as you can. We all know "Practice makes perfect" and like most things, eventually the penny will drop and the thumbs do the job. Never give up and always be positive.



*The landlord, Mr Bob Hawk  
..... Still boss...and watching your every  
move... Happy New Year.*

The new year has also seen a number of competitions starting up in the various disciplines which include several fun fly's in the mix. Have a look at the VMAA calendar which lists many events. Of course, the weather is a key component so it pays to check as some events can be postponed and moved to a new date. The next three months we should see the best part of the weather, but it is an unknown and mother nature has her way of doing things.

Our lake is still full of water and with the heavy rain we have experienced over the past week or so, the lake next winter is going to be full. The first float fly in was a success (after two attempts because of weather) so the Club is planning on another event. The word is getting out with many people asking about Mt Wallace. We are lucky that we have a great flying site to use with the ability to fly any discipline.

If you have any building projects on the go or have an interesting article to share, please send it through so we can include in the newsletter. Some one is always doing or trying something so if you have a photo, a few words or a link, it is all about sharing information and enjoying our sport.

Well, that is if for another month or two and I hope you get out and enjoy the outdoors, catch up with friends, have a chat or two and of course, have a fly.

*See you at the field....  
Ed*

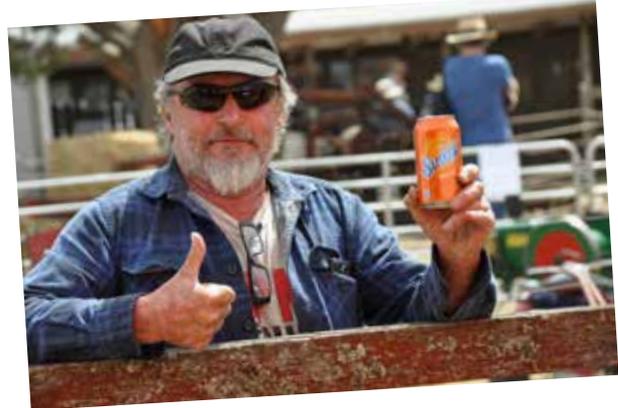
**Help the Club and Committee and make yourself available during events and activities. It all helps**

## MWMAA Display Day at the Ballan Tractor Pull 16 February 2020



*MWMAA needs your help to put on another great show at the Ballan Tractor Pull. Below are some of the photos from last year. Great day and turn up from club members.*

*Please come along so we can showcase our sport and let people know how much fun we have. See you there.*



## Working Bees

*Working bees will be coordinated by the Committee and are normally held on Sunday after the Club Monthly Meeting starting at 9:30 am. Additional working bees maybe organised based on need. If this is changed or cancelled, you will be notified via email as soon as possible after the meeting.*

*Thanks  
Ed*

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## *Safety Report, February 2020*

Unfortunately, the Club had a member that injured himself in December 2019 at the last working bee for the year at Mt Wallace. The pilot managed to put his finger through his spinning propeller resulting in a trip to the hospital for seven stitches, I think.

The crew that was at the field managed to perform first aid to stem the blood flow. Well done and thank you Syd, Annmarie and Mark Peterson with the immediate action. The offer was also made to transport the member to hospital but was declined.

Now on this point another member that was not there made assertions that the member in question was not looked after properly. If anyone wants to make comments in future get your facts right before commenting as this could lead to misconceptions and as we know, the rumor mill will take over and end up bigger that it actually was.

There were discussions at the last meeting in regard to start up areas and the arming of electric model. Some comments tabled were that we should put a line down the middle of the pit area to define the pit area and start up area. Guys if you can't tell the difference between the pit area and the startup area, which by the way is the electric arming tables and our start up benches maybe next time you are the field have a good look of the positions of these tables. They are close to the runway so the distance is reduced as much as possible.

Please remember the club rules are in place for the safety of all Club members and visitors. We cannot afford for anyone to infringe on these rules due to a lack of understanding. The consequences can be serious and is the last thing anyone wants. If you are not sure, ask another member or ask the committee.

Regards  
Ken Mollison  
safety officer



# Aerotow Weekend



14-15<sup>th</sup> March. 2 day event  
Bring your Gliders and Tug-planes for a weekend of aerotowing at the best thermalling site close to Melbourne, (just ask the 3 full-size gliding clubs nearby)

200 meter runway, 1800 ft height clearance, dam suitable for float planes, wide open spaces and on a good day the thermals are boomers.



Contact: Norm Ripp Mob# 0418 403 281 or Mark Peterson Mob# 0417 010 854 for further information.

All pilots **must** be MAAA registered, Heavy model permits need to be sighted and current.

Gates open at 8:00am, 26A Brisbane Ranges Rd, Mt Wallace Vic 3342. Do Not use Rowsley Valley Rd (GPS recommended route from Bacchus Marsh, it is not suitable for trailers or cars with fragile models)

\$5 per day entry donation, canteen will run for lunch on both days, if enough interest breakfast on Sunday

**Please note:** If planning to stay over that the current facilities are basic; bore water only, porta loos and basic electricity supply.

## Mount Wallace State Field



### ***26A Brisbane Ranges Road, Mount Wallace Update - 09 February 2020***

*The field has been prepared for the sprinkler system to be installed. It is hoped over the next few weeks this task can be completed. The water system is a key component to maintain our main runway and pit area.*

*The manual sprinkler system is still being used while we wait for the main system to come online. The timer is working and if you see a sprinkler on the runway, please put it back when finished. That way when the timer triggers, the water will go to the right area and keep what we have green.*

*If you have any questions, please contact the MWMAA Secretary or a Member of the Committee.*



*BMMAA Bunnings  
Sausage Sizzle - 18 Jan  
2020*

Thank you to all that have  
volunteered.



*Top Left.* Michael Whelan preparing for the day ahead. Needed to do some running repairs along the way with a leaking gas bottle.

The BBQ plate was not left in a good conditions, but the crew once again did a fantastic job to ensure all was tip top shape at the end.

*Top and Left.* The first shift starts up. Great to see some different faces along the day helping out. Well done.



## MAAA Newsletter

The latest WingSpan newsletter is now available from the MAAA website. Go to [www.maaa.asn.au](http://www.maaa.asn.au) and have a read of the latest news from around the nation



*February 2020 newsletter is out.*

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



## Ed's Tip Bits

If you are not sure of a safety issue, process or procedures, the MAAA MOPs provides 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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