



## Mt Wallace State Field - Home of MWMAA

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### *President's Report November 2019*

HI All Club Members

Good to see our membership numbers are growing and I believe that it will continue to grow as our facilities are established. To keep our field pristine, Michael Whelan and myself have been out to the field on Thursday (31/10/19) to mow and after 5.5 hours of cutting, the job was completed. The place is looking good and provides a welcoming feeling to all that visit. What we need is some good flying weather to enjoy what we have.

Over the past couple of months, we have had two unsuccessful goes at running our floatplane day with the weather being against us on both occasions. But we will look to the future and try again in due course. On the grants front, a big thank you to Neil Killeen and Mark Peterson on the successfully applications on a grant from Pacific Hydro, top job guys. We will look to use the grant for irrigating the runway which has been our main priority. Without the runway, we have no club.

As I hold the appointment of Safety Officer, I will include a report to remind us all that safety is everyone's responsibility. The committee will not tolerate breaches of safety at all. The pilot boxes are to be used as they provide a level of safety to the pilot and helpers. No excuses will be accepted.

Fire extinguishers must be within the active pilot box before any flying commences and need to be part of your routine once you sign the visitor's book. Any large models (over 7 kg) will not be flown until certified by a HM Inspector. If a heavy uncertified model is flown without an inspector present you will not be covered by any insurance. If you do not follow this requirement which is part of a MAAA MOP, you will need to explain your actions to the committee and possibly the MAAA plus CASA.

Just remember rules and procedures are in place for your safety, your fellow club members and any visitors we may have at the field.

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

Next meeting will be held at the RSL Hall **on Wednesday 13 November 2019, starting at 8:00 pm.** 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. ***Please come along and provide input and ideas.***

**Remember to slip, slop, slap over summer**  
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## *Editors Round up. November 2019*

The end of year will soon be upon and people will be making plans for the festive season. The weather has certainly not been in our favour of late with only a few good days to enjoy our fantastic sport. Hopefully, some of you will have new projects to test fly or completed valuable maintenance. Something never-ending.

Field maintenance is at its peak with the grass growing as soon as it is cut. Our President and Vice President have been out at the field cutting and grooming the field. An endless task during these months but on that needs doing and appreciated. The warm weather with a bit of rain is all that is needed for grass to grow rapidly. With that, we need to look at our main runway and move ahead with the

next phase of the overall project. Great work by Mark Peterson and Neil Killeen with the grant front has placed us one step close with the watering system. But we also need to seed and feed the runway to add to what we have and provide an excellent surface to fly any discipline.

At the same time, we need to complete our amenities (Toilet/showers) which is proven to be a time and costly exercise. We need to find an approach that will address what we need within the means we have — not a simple task and one that needs careful planning and consideration.

The MAAA Instructor refresher courses are well and truly underway. There is a course on 23 November at P&DARCS and one at Darraweit Guim state field on 30 November. Both courses will have 20 students with priority going to those that need to have this refresher completed to retain their instructor certification. If you are available, I suggest you contact the VMAA SFI in regards to your availability. His email address is [SFI@vmaa.com.au](mailto:SFI@vmaa.com.au)



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

If there are any vacancies on the course, then a new potential instructor can be nominated by the club to fill the course quota.

I have managed to update our club website further and have added some additional changes. Don't forget the new address is now [www.mwmaa.org](http://www.mwmaa.org) so make sure you update your shortcuts. Further updates will occur in the next few weeks.

As we move towards summer, don't forget about "slip, slop and slap" the sun affects everything and can be deceptive. It is also time for those long thin things, snakes, to come out and sun themselves. Be aware and know your surroundings and if you go out to the field by yourself, just let someone know. It is all about safety and looking after each other.

The newsletter is short and sweet this month. If you have a story, building project or attending an event, please let us know. Photos would be good to capture the moment.

Until next time, safe flying to all.

*Ed*

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

*There is a lot of work but the field is looking great. Once again, thank you to Ken Mollison and Michael Whelan for getting the job done.  
(Photos by Michael Whelan)*

The field looks great from above. You then realise the work that is needed to groom and maintain what we have.



Ken on the ride on looks like a lonely sole in the paddock. Michael is on the other ride on to make up the team. Plenty of work coming up as we prepare to implement the watering system.



## **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*

## FINALLY, A CLUB CHAPTER CLOSERS 28 OCTOBER 2019

*Article/Photos by Garry Thiele*

Parwan site has been cleared with the exception of the concrete Slab that was under the old Tool Shed and some concrete crumbs left from the Shelter. The photos show how the area looks now after the removal of rubbish.

It was a big Friday and with the help of Peter Stefurak, Irwin Gillespie's equipment and himself as operator we managed to remove all the runway material and other junk and dump it at the Calleja tip site before close of business. Although Irwin did have to take a load home with him so he could dump what was left on the Saturday morning.

Irwin had to return at a later date with his road Grader to do the reclamation work on the Runway area after we dug up the trenches to get the Material out of the ground. I can now confirm this has been done. As we started at 8.30 am and did not finish until 4.30 pm I appreciated the assistance and help by Irwin and Peter. This was a large task that could have not been completed without the machinery that was offered by Irwin.

I believe the photos provide a good example on how the property has been left. Well done to all to those that took part to finish off this task. It has been hanging around for a little while due to commitments but more importantly, bad weather over the past 6 months.

Now our energy needs to be focused on Mount Wallace and build up our great club. We have the land, the will and a plan. Lets go.

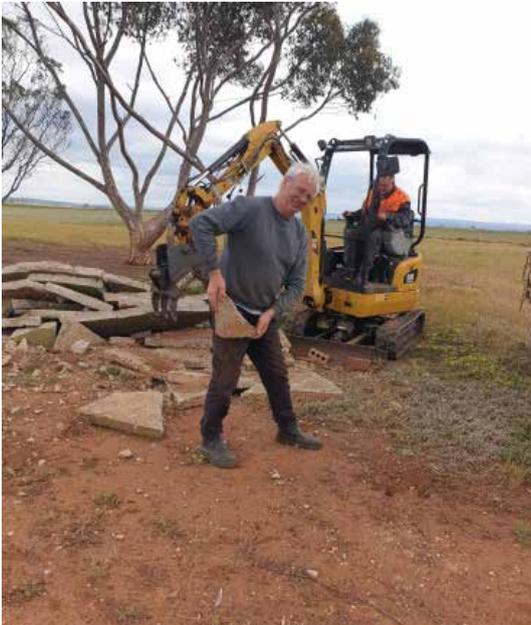
*Garry Thiele*



*Garry could not help himself by having the last flight of the old field. A new champter has started, but the old will not be forgotten.*



*Two photos on the left shows Irwin and his excavator which was a big help on the day. Thanks Irwin.*



*Peter Stefurak & Garry (left/ Right) helping out. The matting was down for a long time and without the excavator it would have taken a lot long and more man power.*



*It will take a little while but the place will go back to the way it was. Well done.*



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### *26A Brisbane Ranges Road, Mount Wallace Update - 11 November 2019*

*The above photo shows the lake with plenty of water. Problem has been the weather which caused our Float Fly in not to happen. The rain has done its job very well and we are still receiving a bit, but that will come to an end soon. It is hoped it will remain this way for most of the summer.*

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

*Parwan is now closed with the field returned back to the way it was and rubbish removed. No doubt there will be fond memories of the place and now will be part of Club history.*





## 2019 FUNFLY ANNUAL FUNFLY AND SWAP MEET NOV 23rd & 24th

Flying from 9am till dusk on both days.  
Bring all your modelling surplus and swap or sell it for something better!

All pilots must have current MAAA membership  
All heavy models require certification papers to be presented

Camping available with showers

Lunches available both days

Come and enjoy our friendly and relaxed club and enjoy our large runways for your big models!

Hamper raffle and lucky pilot entry

For further information contact Phil Niewand on 0428812093





## 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

*August 2019 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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