



VMAA NEWS

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The Warrnambool Model Aircraft Club New Clubhouse Opening 22 March 20



(R). WMAC Secretary, Rob Mitchell reminisces the club's journey to reach this great outcome. The club has a number of fantastic supporters



(L). WMAC President, Harry Knights addresses the club members and visitors. Far (L) is VMAA Education Officer, David Nichols and President, Reeve Marsh

(R). VMAA President Reeve Marsh



(L). WMAC President Harry Knights

The Warrnambool Model Aircraft Club celebrated the opening of their new clubhouse on 22 March 2020. It was to include a fun fly for Saturday and Sunday of the weekend. Unfortunately, COVID19 started to kick in with Council and Foundation Members unable to attend the event due to health concerns. So, the event was reduced to one day. The VMAA were invited to be part of the event and had planned to attend.

We were fortunate the COVID19 lock down did not occur until after the event with VMAA President, Reeve Marsh helping with the ceremony of opening the new clubhouse. Yes, toilet paper was used for the ribbon and then quickly rolled up and put away... The VMAA wish to thank WMAC for their hospitality and putting on a good event considering the circumstances. Well done.

There is an article and photos from the event. Enjoy.

Moving forward....April 2020

VMAA Secretary



The past few weeks with COVID19 has certainly changed the landscape. I would have never have thought we would be in a situation like this, but it goes to show the smallest creatures can close down the world. Field closures are certainly not something we were expecting; however, based on what has been the experience, we do believe it was the best cause of action as directed by the Victorian Chief Medical Officer. The VMAA did not make the rules, we are following them as we should being part of the bigger picture and being a responsible community citizen.

We hope the next few weeks pass quickly as we continue to improve and flatten the curve as they say. The VMAA will pass on any relevant information as soon as it becomes available to all VMAA Members.

As we know, due to COVID19 most events have been cancelled to the end of May with the VMAA Calendar updated. I know some will hold their events later in the year if that is possible. With any luck, we will find out in the next few weeks if restrictions will be eased. In the meantime, please look after yourselves and maintain the great work of staying home. The strategy is working as numbers keep going South. There is light at the end of the tunnel, and before we know it, we will be back enjoying what we do.

VMAA Meetings

There will be no face to face meetings until the restriction is lifted; however, we are trying to continue with day to day business the best we can. We have now a monthly Status Update which will be sent out to all secretaries via the notification email system. If you do have a query or require information, then as per normal contact the VMAA Secretary via email, SMS or Mobile. I will endeavour to reply within 24 to 48 hours of the request/query. If I cannot answer your query, then I will discuss the issue with the MAAA and get back to you.

Try and Fly Day

Congratulations to all those clubs that have completed a “Try and Fly day” to raise awareness of our sport and hopefully at the same time, identify potential club members. The VMAA has supported clubs and will continue to do so in the promotion of our fantastic sport. Support comes in various means, but financial assistance of up to \$500 is available. New generic flyers will be available soon for clubs to use that run this event. The flyer will have space so Club Contact details can be included when given them out. Contact the VMAA Secretary for details.

Insurance Claims and Communications

If you are submitting an insurance claim or any communications regarding a claim, the Federal Secretary is the person. If you need additional information on insurance, please click on the following link. <https://www.maaa.asn.au/club-support/insurance-support> If your query is general, please contact the VMAA Secretary in the first instance.

MAAA Membership Registration System

Please be aware that your Club Registrar completes any changes to your personal details. Changes to an email address can be completed as well. It is not up to the MAAA/VMAA Registrars to make these changes unless there is a problem. Members can also self-register so you can change your details. Go to the MAAA Membership Registration System and you will see on the left of the screen the word “[Registar](#)”. Click on the link and follow the prompts.

CASA Communications

Clubs are requested not to contact CASA direct. The MAAA holds the ARN with CASA. All clubs should direct any CASA enquiries to the VMAA Secretary in the first instance. If your query can not be answered at State level, the VMAA Secretary will communicate with the MAAA Secretary.

VMAA Calendar

Even though we are in lock down, COVID19 is not going to last forever. If you have an event or display for later part of the year, I can include it in the VMAA Calendar located on the VMAA website. Click here to see all the events so far.

The calendar intends to provide an avenue for Member Clubs not only to see what is happening around our great Association, but to try and not compete with each other. If you live at each end of the state, then the issue is muted. Clubs that are close to each other or are holding similar events are not doing each other any favours. Use the calendar to your advantage and plan well ahead. Even a phone call sometimes can go a long way to reduce a clash.

The bulletin for this edition is a small one, but there is information that may of interest. In this edition we have a PodCast from Andrew Sill (FLAT Out RC) which I hope you find interesting. I am more than happy to include to include in the bulletin article, photos Pod Cast, You Tube or what you are building now. If you have any tips that others can use, then all good.

Until next time, please stay home and enjoy the build time. We will be back enjoying our fantastic sport soon enough.

Joe Finocchiaro
VMAA Secretary

The Warrnambool Model Aircraft Club New Clubhouse Opening and Fun Fly 22 March 20

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Article by: Rod Mitchell

Well our clubhouse opening event didn't quite go as planned however it was still an excellent event. Although we had to cancel the public attending we offered the field to any pilots who wished to attend, and, attend they did.

The weather was perfect on the Saturday and the dozen or so pilots made the most of it completed plenty of flights. I think the only time a model was not in the air was when we conducted the official clubhouse opening ceremony.

We had plenty of visiting pilots from various clubs and quite a few of the local members also flew. People came from Altona, Nepean, Kyneton and elsewhere. Members of the VMAA committee also attended.

Two models of note were an Albatross biplane and a very large ASK21 6.5m electric powered glider. Local member David Bell flew the ASK21 a couple of times. It is very impressive and used very little runway to take off even in the very light wind. The landing roll was amazingly short.

The Albatross had a 50cc petrol engine and sounded very realistic. I apologise that I did not get the pilots name but he put in at least half a dozen impressive and realistic flights.

Local members Scott White, Peter Haberfield and John Veal also put in lots of flights during the day.

Flying was stopped at 1pm for speeches and the "ribbon" cutting to open a great facility. Most of the visiting pilots elected not to come back on the Sunday as the forecast was for the wind not to be favorable.

The Warrnambool club members would like to publicly thank the *Moyne Shire, Ray and Joyce Uebergang Foundation and the Gwen and Edna Jones Foundation* for their financial support in building the club facilities. We would also like to thank VMAA Committee members (Reeve Marsh, Joe Finocchiaro, and Dave Nichols) and all the visiting pilots for attending the event.



Did not take long before the pit area became busy with all different types of models on display and in the air.



From Left to Right. WMAA Secretary, Rod Mitchell, President Harry Knights and VMAA President Reeve Marsh have a chat about proceedings. Below. The new Clubhouse which will provide a fantastic facility and a place to gather for events.





The 50 cc petrol Albatross was a little temperamental at first, but a few tweaks, it was up, up and away. VMAA Education Officer, David Nichols assisting. David has a love for aircraft of yeastier.



*David Bell (L) having a chat about the ASK21
The ASK21 is a 6.5 metre wing span 1/2.5 scale ,
Kit by Phoenix Model.
Flying weight of 24 kg with a Hacker 60 electric motor
(equivalent to 60 cc petrol) running on 2 x 6 cell lipo batteries (ie
12 cell). Timber construction with oracover covering . It defiantly
had presence*



*(Above) Rod Mitchell preparing a Boomerang Jet for flight.
Most may know Rod via his twin engine aircraft builds. Good
to see a different addition to the collections*



Welcome to the
**WARRNAMBOOL
MODEL AIRCRAFT CLUB Inc.**

These facilities were completed in 2019 and were built with the generous support of:

- Moynes Shire
- Gwen & Edna Jones Foundation
- Ray & Joyce Uebergang Foundation
- Stronger Communities Programme
- MAAA (Also Assistance from the VMAA)
- A.L. Lane Foundation
- Fiestla Pizza
- Farrer Earth Moving and Cartage



IMAC at NFG

8 to 10 February 2020

Article by: Ed

The year opened up for IMAC at the Darraweit Guim State Field hosted by Northern Flying Group (NFG) over a weekend. Friday was a practice day with the competition held on Saturday and Sunday.

For the first event for the year, it was a great turn out. It was a little bit breezy during some parts of the day, but nothing the guys could not handle. I was able to have a look on Saturday to see some of the entries go through their paces. Some big models that in the hands of skilled pilot look fantastic in the air.

IMAC over recent times has made a strong comeback to the scene thanks to work done by Michael Andrysik and his Committee. Michael has recently taken over as the National President.

Michael and his committee are real doers and have in the past put on great competitions which has been supported by many flyers in Victoria. Overall, the event went very well with the results achieved in each category.

Competition is good way to push us to improve our skills and fly that little bit better. The best part of all, you have fun along the way and there is, as always, plenty of people to lend a hand if you are new to the discipline. I know the guys are keen to get out there as soon as the COVID19 restrictions are lifted.

Until then, Stay inside and keep on building.

Ed



VMAA Video Library April 2020 Update.

Effective Immediately the VMAA has dropped the \$10 Entry Fee for joining the Library. You can now join for FREE. To join please contact the VMAA Librarian at videoliberalian@vmaa.com.au and ask for a joining form and list of DVDs available.

The V.M.A.A. has a very extensive DVD Library. It contains over 1,300 titles covering models and full size aircraft as well as aviation movies. There are many excellent instructional DVD that provide you with excellent information that will assist you in this great sport. There are also lots of titles covering many of the big model shows and competitions from all over the world as well as a huge selection of full size aircraft documentaries. You are really missing out on something if you are not a member of the library. It only costs \$6-00, which includes the return postage, for 4 DVDs.

The video library is a great resource, if you are not using it, then why not. You get 4 DVD's delivered to your house for only \$6-00. This includes the return postage.

Attention New Members

The Library has lots of Training/Information type DVDs available and these are extremely informative and will greatly assist you in both building and flying model aircraft. In particular the Dave Platt series of videos in the 5000 series are extremely informative and will help improve the modelers' skills, even those who have been building models for a long time.

Why not send an e-mail to the DVD Librarian and request him to send you the full list of DVDs available or click on the link below

Do not delay, do it now.

Contact the VMAA Librarian, videoliberalian@vmaa.com.au, now for information about the library; you will be amazed at the huge selection of titles available. The Library has over 200 Instructional DVDs in its collection showing you how to do all sorts of things pertaining to model building. So why not click on the link below to see all of the titles available.

Please [click here](#) to see the full DVD listing.

Education Report

April 2020

Back in February I sent Spitfire chuck gliders to Shepperton after a request from VRF Secretary, Rob Popeliner. They were used for a School "dream day" and it went very well.

They were most appreciative and also agreed with my suggestion that it would be a good idea to follow up with a Try Fly day for the school kids and their parents, They thought it was a good suggestion but of course, we will need to wait when the current circumstances change and we can fly again.

The Doncaster Air League own build chuck glider program was due to go through final assembly and test flights three weeks ago but like all their activities has had to be put on hold due to CV19.

I had also just started to send out emails to all those whose names we collected at Sandown event. I have had to compose alternative emails explaining why we cannot do this right now, but we will.

Will be in touch with all those that have shown interest as soon as things change.

Hanging in there.

David Nichols
VMAA Education officer



Aus #	Surname	First Name	Rating
<i>8173</i>	<i>Fourtier</i>	<i>Anthony</i>	<i>Gold Power</i>
<i>58043</i>	<i>Spencer</i>	<i>Neil</i>	<i>Gold Power</i>
<i>16734</i>	<i>West</i>	<i>Nigel</i>	<i>Gold Power</i>
<i>87039</i>	<i>Cristallini</i>	<i>Daniel</i>	<i>Silver Power</i>
<i>87313</i>	<i>Marques</i>	<i>Vasco</i>	<i>Silver Power</i>
<i>50703</i>	<i>Roberts</i>	<i>David</i>	<i>Silver Power</i>
<i>87274</i>	<i>Rotili</i>	<i>Lucas</i>	<i>Silver Power</i>
<i>87281</i>	<i>Spriggs</i>	<i>Grant</i>	<i>Silver Power</i>
<i>83397</i>	<i>Ward</i>	<i>Tony</i>	<i>Silver Power</i>
<i>83640</i>	<i>De Vries</i>	<i>Neil</i>	<i>Bronze Power</i>
<i>86257</i>	<i>Duncan</i>	<i>William</i>	<i>Bronze Power</i>
<i>87218</i>	<i>Juergen</i>	<i>Heiko</i>	<i>Bronze Power</i>
<i>76248</i>	<i>Oakley</i>	<i>Craig</i>	<i>Bronze Power</i>
<i>87281</i>	<i>Spriggs</i>	<i>Grant</i>	<i>Bronze Power</i>
<i>20204</i>	<i>Foster</i>	<i>Allan</i>	<i>Gold Heli</i>
<i>58333</i>	<i>Sexton</i>	<i>Gavan</i>	<i>Silver Heli</i>
<i>58043</i>	<i>Spencer</i>	<i>Neil</i>	<i>Silver Heli</i>

ALL completed wing assessments and requests need to be sent to SFI@ymaa.com.au and no where else. Long delays can occur (3-4 months) due to the requests being sent to the wrong email address or person.

MAAA Instructor Refresher Courses

Instructor refresher courses have been completed at P&DARCS, VARMS and SAM (Mildura). As part of the ongoing improvement program, the SAM course was the first one to have a Pre-course questionnaire introduced to improve the knowledge based for CASA Regulations.

The MAAA President, Neil Tank was in attendance for the entire course and complimented the SFI and his assistant, Les Marriner on the most safety-oriented course he had attended. Well done.

So far the SFI and assisting staff (Les Marriner and Greg Lepp) has completed the following:

1. Assessments completed - 93;
2. Assessments to complete - 43;
3. Instructors not continuing - 32; and
4. Instructors who have not responded - 68.

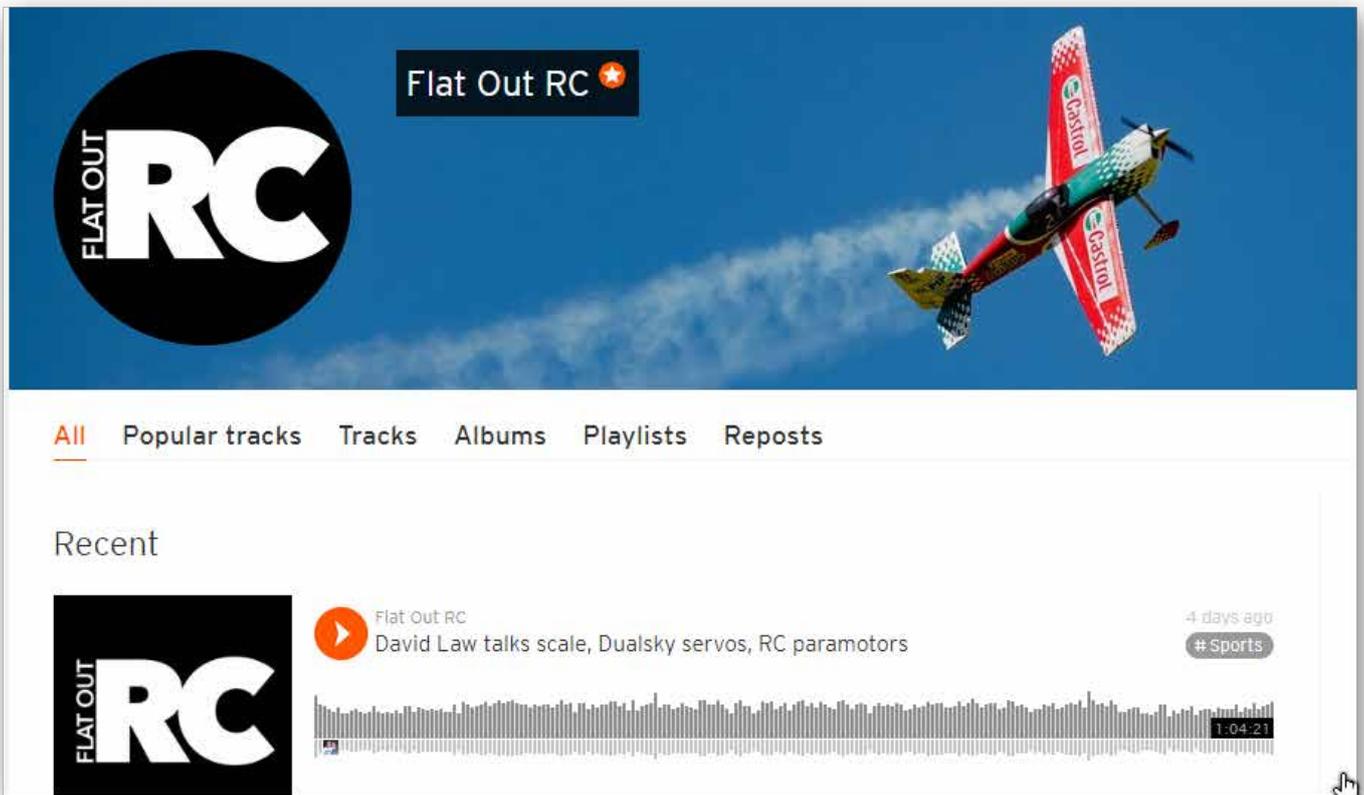
It is up to each individual instructor to contact the SFI and let him know of your availability for a particular course.

Other courses were in the process of being arranged, but as we know, the COVIP19 restriction has placed a stop to all courses. When courses do resume arrival at 8:30 for 9:00 am start. The course is only one day in duration

and completed indoors. Places do close quickly so if you wish to attend, send an email to the SFI. Club Secretaries will be notified on when courses will be conducted.

Due to the COVID19 restrictions, instructors that wish to maintain their instructor rating must complete the course *by 30 June 2021*. Any concerns, please contact the SFI.

*Thank you,
Geoff Herbert
VMAA SFI*



Click on the image above to take you to the Podcast where Andrew Sill interviews David Law who is a member of the Australian Scale F4C team. The team won the 2018 World Scale Championships . Enjoy

We will see more of FLAT OUT RC Podcasts so stay tuned.

MAAA Latest Newsletters

The MAAA Newsletter brings you information on a number of areas at the National level. This includes reports from the Committee and contact details, Manual of Procedure (MOPS), National and International Events Competition dates and reports on such events.

Click [MAAA Newsletter](#) to have a read.

From the VMAA Contest Director

To all Club Secretaries and SIG Groups. If you wish to have your event advertised, please send an email with your associated flyer to

contestdirector@vmaa.com.au

The Calender is updated on a regular basis and provides a heads up on what is happening around our great Association.

Were possible, your flyer will be placed on the monthly bulletin to get the word out. As always, the ones that get their dates organised and uploaded will hopefully get the best response..



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Contact the CD to submit Calendar of Event dates.

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Contact Dave to organise a presentation on aero modelling. Scouts, Cadet, School Group, general interest in aviation. All welcome.

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The VMAA DVD Library has the best collections of aircraft stories, modelling building and building techniques.

Meetings held 2nd Thursday of each month, except for January at VARMS Clubrooms

