



VMAA NEWS

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The VMAA Bulletin will provide information on news, events and articles on what is happening around our fantastic Association. It is intended the bulletin will be circulated on a monthly basis, highlighting items of interest to the Membership. If you have flyer or a story that can be linked, please send them to the VMAA Secretary or VMAA CD.....

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

From the VMAA President and Committee



My first stint as VMAA President has started with a flurry - there's been lots to do and many new friendships to make!

Working with the wise and experienced people who make up the rest of the VMAA Executive Committee, we've set ourselves the task of building on the great work done over the last few years to find more ways to improve the relevance of the VMAA to our Clubs and to find ways to help you do all the things you want to do as a Club.

We'll be focusing on being better at communicating, being easier to contact and streamlining the processes so we can spend more time adding value. We want to grow aeromodelling and ensure we all derive the enjoyment we deserve from whatever we do, be it serious competition, traditional social flying or exploring new and fascinating disciplines.

We'll be continuing the programme of visiting country Clubs to ensure we hear directly from everyone, big Clubs and small. It's great to be able to meet more people face-to-face in this era of remote electronic communications - emails and phones make it easy to stay in touch but nothing beats a coffee with friends in the crisp early morning on a flying field, or chatting over alternative refreshments at the end of the day...

I wish everyone the best for the holiday season, stay safe, have fun, and we look forward to bringing you more exciting developments as we progress through the new year.

*Regards,
Reeve Marsh
President, Victorian Model Aeronautical Association*



Sad news for the Control Line fraternity

Vale Doug Grinham and Ken Taylor

Unfortunately, the last few weeks of 2017 has seen the passing of two great control-line modellers; Doug Grinham on 17th November and Ken Taylor on 15th December.

They were champions in Control-Line Aerobatics, each with much competition success and both designed some iconic, unmistakable models. They provided inspiration to all who met them and were greatly respected for their modelling prowess. They mentored many people over the years; those who experienced their generous nature and deep experience will always remember them.

Doug and Ken will both be greatly missed by their friends and admirers everywhere.

The funeral for Ken Taylor (AUS 1217) will be held at Lilydale Memorial Park - Federation Chapel, 126-128 Victoria Rd, Lilydale VIC 3140 on Thursday 21st December 2017 at 2:15pm.

You can view details and tributes at this website: Please click [here](#)

NAAS MAMMOTH FLY-IN NOVEMBER 2017

Our friends across the border at NAAS had their annual Mammoth Fly-In. The President John Armarego provided a video of the event. Another successful day of scale flying and enjoying our great sport..

A "Mammoth Fly In" event was held at the NAAS field (www.naas.org.au) near Canberra on 24 to 26 November 2017. The video covers Saturday and Sunday.

Hope you enjoy the video. Just click on the link below

[Please click Here](#)

www.youtube.com

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy new year from all at NAAS.
See you for some fantastic events next year..

John Armarego

President

National Aeromodelling and Aviators Society.





Australian Team at the opening ceremony



*Australian team pilots
Scott Kay, Russell Edwards and Dennis Travassaros*

F3A World Championships 2017

Australian Team Report



The weather proved to be challenging. Dennis Travassaros's 3rd flight with Russell Edwards calling and umbrella duties...

Report by: Joe Costa, Team Manager

The 2017 World Championships were held in Argentina from 3 – 11 November 2017 at the Villa Gesell Airport which is approximately a 5-hour drive from the capital city, Buenos Aires.

The World Championships are held every 2 years and is open to countries all over the world. This year, 63 competitors from 27 countries entered the competition.

The Australian Team consisted of:

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| • Dennis Travassaros | Team pilot |
| • Russell Edwards | Team Pilot |
| • Scott Kay | Team Pilot |
| • Joe Costa | Team Manager |
| • Kerry Costa | Official supporter |
| • Christine McInnis | Official supporter |



Dennis Travassaros (left) and caller Russell Edward

Preparation

Preparation began months before the event, with many training sessions, where we all evaluated each other's flying and provided feedback via aresti diagrams and manoeuvre templates. We found this process exceptionally helpful in identifying problem areas, which helped to improve our performance.

Prior to the World Championships, Russell Edwards travelled to Europe for 3 months and participated in a number of World Cup competitions which assisted in his preparation for the World Championships.

Read More..... [Click here.....](#)



*On the left, Junior Champions. Centre photo Senior Champions and on the right Team Champions
Well done to all competitors, especially the Australian Team for taking part and flying the Australian flag*



VMAA Educations Report



This last year has been different from previous years in as much as I have not spent a great deal of the budget allotted for education. This has been partly due to supply problems with our Spitfire Chuck Gliders and partly due to a re- assessment of both present and future activities. I have come to the conclusion that presenting to Scout groups, which I have done a bit of over the years, whilst fine in theory and fun for the participants, does not really produce tangible results.

With the input of Graeme Dyer of the Greensborough Club, between us we have put in a fair bit of time and effort with the Mill Park air league. They are building their own chuck glider from a plan. The idea is to help them become serious contenders in a State Chuck Glider competition. The league leaders want to initiate and expand this initiative. Our intention is to help them as much as possible as a group as they are the first to do this and also a trial for them. We have two designs, one fairly simple, and one not so simple. The simple ones have flown and the results were pleasing. The others will not be ready for a little while yet as other league activities have to take priority for the time being. We have a plan to take this group of cadets out to the Greensborough field for buddy box training. I am going to see this through as it will have obvious benefits and should lead to us doing the same for other squadrons.

As we have worked with air leagues in the past, my plan now is to expand activities to as many Squadrons a possible. Here we have ready-made kids who are interested in aviation, so if we make regular training sessions part of their program the benefits will far reaching.

I really feel that this is the way to go if we are to appeal to the young generation and thereby secure the future of aeromodelling. I will make sure it happens.

David Nichols-
VMAA Education Officer.



The Mill Park League above, having a great time. There are our future of our sport...



The Mt Waverley League above enjoying some outdoor action...

MAAA Instructors Course

The VMAA will be running an instructors course at the Greensborough Model Aircraft Club (GMAC) (melways 184 E4) in March 2018 (To be confirmed). All Candidates must be nominated by their individual Clubs and must have Gold Wings. It would be appreciated if the Club Secretaries contact the VMAA Secretary, with their propose candidates.

The course will be run over 1 day

By completing the course you will be helping our sport by teaching within the National Framework, promoting safe flying and giving something back to our fantastic sport.

***Note to all MAAA Club instructors** - Scanned copies of proficiency achieved are to be sent to the State Flying Instructor at: sfi@vmaa.com.au Wings will be sent out to recipients or Club, **ONLY** when documentation is received by the SFI*

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 good read.

MAAA Membership Register

The VMAA Register has requested that Club Registers or indiviauls Club Members check their address and contact detials on renewal. This information is used to send out your FAI card and any other elctronic or written mail.

All MAAA Members can change their own details as required by going to the MAAA Membership Register website and registering yourself to update your personal details. On the left side of the front web page of the MAAA Register website, you will see, "Register" MAAA Members may signup to update personal details.

It is quick and easy to do. [Click HERE](#) to have a look at the website so you can update your details as required. Emails recorded on the database will be used to send out information such as bulletins, events and flyers.

*VMAA Register
Paul Webber*



Darraweit Guim

ASAA
Australian Scale Aerobatics Association



IMAC
INTERNATIONAL MINATURE AEROBATIC CLUB



*Thinking you want to try IMAC?
All new comers welcome to enter.*

*In the Basic Class any type and
size of aircraft can be used.*

More Info Visit

www.scaleaeros.com.au/

20 to the 21 January 2018
State Field, Darraweit Guim.

Northern Flying Group

www.nfg.org.au/

For more information:

IMAC Australia
on Facebook



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Ballarat Radio Model Flying Club

IS CALLING ALL PILOTS...

ANNUAL MODEL FLYING DISPLAY

SUNDAY FEB 25th, 2018. 10AM - 3PM

- » FLY WITH US AT OUR GREAT NEW FIELD
- » JOIN US FOR A RELAXED FLY OR PUT ON A SHOW
- » TROPHY FOR PILOTS CHOICE AND GIVEAWAYS
- » HOT & COLD FOOD & DRINK AVAILABLE
- » FREE COFFEE AND TEA FOR PILOTS
- » ALL AIRCRAFT TYPES WELCOME



Public Display rules apply; all Pilots must be of Gold Wing Standard and MAAA members

Email: secretary@brmfc.org.au

FIELD LOCATION
CHURCH RD, TRAWALLA (off the Western Freeway)
(Google Maps "RC FLYING FIELD")

BRMFC.ORG.AU  or Google **BRMFC**

F1NAR
Presents:

VIC Round of Formula 1 National Air Races

Northern Flying Group
VMAA State field
214 Quayles Rd
Darraweit Guim VIC 3756




March 17th & 18th 2018

All classes from beginners to seasoned racers:

- Red Bull (Entry Level)
- F2 (Entry Level)
- Texan
- Reno
- F1
- Golden Era

For more information check out www.F1NAR.com
Email: lead@f1nar.com Phone: Mark- 0419338847

Northern Flying Group Annual Twins & More

Sunday 25th March 2018

Held annually at the State Flying Field, Quayles Road, Darraweit Guim Melways Reference 425 G3

Visit www.nfg.org.au for a detailed map and registration form.

All pre-entered registrations will receive one bonus entry into the prize draw at the end of the day!

Entry is open to all MAAA registered Pilots that have a plane with two or more engines or two main wings (bi-planes).

Non flying visitors are most welcome to come and enjoy the day

Food and drink will be available during the event.

Great prizes on a fly per ticket lucky draw system.

A trophy for the most unusual multi-engine aircraft.

\$10 Entry Fee for all Competitors – bring as many planes as you like.

Pilots briefing and registration 9.30am
Flying from 10am

Contact: Mark Sills – 0419 338 847

Northern Flying Group in conjunction with our major sponsor hopes you come and enjoy a relaxed Sunday flying at this unique event.



 **P&DARCS**
Pakenham and District Aircraft Radio Control Society



Monty Tyrell Memorial Scale Rally – Sunday April 8th 2018

Field Location; Wenn Rd. Cardinia, (50K East of Melbourne) Vic



All Scale Aircraft welcome, ARF, Kit built does not matter.

Excellent Trophies

P&DARCS have excellent facilities, including long and wide grass runways and several 12 and 240volt electric charging stations. Come and have a great days flying.

- Flying starts at 9-00am.
- No documentation required – just fly and have fun.
- Bring lots of aircraft, any size any type, just scale.
- MAAA cards and Model Permits must be sighted.
- Catering is available.
- See web site, www.pdarcs.com.au/monty, for more information.
- Goodies bag for the first 30 entries.

Come for a great days flying at a great field.

\$5 per car entry/registration fee for pilots and spectators

Scale Model Aircraft Fly-In 24 Mar 2018

Fly-In 24 Mar 2018



**Any type of scale flying model. Control Line, Free Flight, R/C Ducted Fan, Turbines and gliders.
Location is ideal for large scale jets.**

**Entry includes weekend access to museum Tiger Moth, partly restored Anson and lots of other
goodies.**

Secure over night storage in hanger for large models

If you are interested, please contact Greg Stanfield at sceptre48@optusnet.com.au



VMAA Trophy Weekend

21 to 22 April 2018

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

The Trophy Weekend has been modified to ten (10) events. All rules have been reviewed for the 2018 Trophy Weekend.

The Trophy rules make it easier for smaller Clubs to have a go with a good chance of doing well against bigger 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 but can 'assist' other pilots in other events. (All Clubs will be asked to provide officials to act as judges or time-keepers for some events.)

- Bomb Drop
- Fun Scale
- Helicopter (Timed event)
- Thermal Soaring
- Scale Aerobatics
- Electric Glider
- Fun Fly
- Sports Limbo
- Musical Landings
- Combat

New – Ring in Pilot for teams. Not enough Club Members, why not enter a **Composite VMAA Team**. Rules and conditions for Trophy Weekend are posted on the VMAA Website. www.vmaa.com.au

The event will be held at **PALARDS, 30 Fenne Road, Gairahra 3974**. Catering provided both days with camping facilities available. Motels and caravan parks are nearby.

ENTRALS CLOSE: Midnight, Sunday 18 April 2018.



If you need further information, please contact the
VMAA CD; Joe Finocchiaro on
Mobile: 0418 878 168, email
contestdirector@vmaa.com.au





Echuca Moama Model Aero Club

ANNUAL FUN FLY AND NEW CLUBHOUSE OPENING

**Saturday and Sunday
5th & 6th May 2018**

AT THE VMAA FLYING FIELD ECHUCA

**Full weekend planned – Camping available on the
Saturday Night**

ALL TYPES OF MODEL AIRCRAFT WELCOME

**Come and join us with the official opening of our
new facilities and a great fun weekend.**

Refreshments available.

Contact – Fred West Secretary 0418 362100



<i>First names</i>	<i>Surname</i>	<i>Rating</i>
Mark	Arneil	Silver Power
Tony	Ball	Gold Power
Michael	Chigros-Xeni	Silver Power
Callum	Cripps	Gold Power
Graham	Evans	Bronze Power
Paul	Finlayson	Bronze Power
Xavier	Fraia	Silver Power
Benny	Leung	Bronze Power
Sam	Prudden	Silver Multi Rotor
Thomas	Tan	Silver Power
Kevin	Thomas	Gold Power
Rick	Williams	Bronze Power



VMAA Video Library December 2017 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:

videolibrarian@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 then it why not. You get 4 DVD's delivered to your house for only \$6-00. This includes the return postage.

Contact the VMAA Librarian now for information about the library; you will be amazed at the huge selection of titles available as there are over 500 plus titles to choose from..

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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 Januray at VARMS Clubrooms

