

Three Generations of Aeromodellers, All holding Silver Wings



Article by Les Marriner, State Flying Instructor.

I was recently sent an email from P&DARCS Chief Flying Instructor Keith Quigg, informing me that a father and son team, Chris and Cooper Keller had attained their Silver Wings on the same day. Chris had recently returned to the hobby after a lay off period of some 10 years, to concentrate on bringing up his young family.

When I called Chris and Cooper to congratulate them on their achievement, it became obvious to me the Keller family was a very enthusiastic and passionate aeromodelling family. Chris informed me his father Gerhard Keller, also a Silver Wings holder, is an active member of the Nepean Miniature Aerosport Association, Rosebud West.

The accompanying photo above, depicts Cooper, aged 11 (on the left of photo) and his father Chris (Centre) and his father Gerhard (right of photo). This trio of Silver Wings holders recently had a family fly-in at the Nepean Club. Cooper who normally flies his Calmato, convinced his father to let him fly the OS 160 powered Edge 540, which was flown with confidence and style.

The pressure was on when the OS 160 went dead stick during the flight. Cooper landed the model without incident, to the applause of the local Jet guys. Also pictured is Gerhard's 40cc twin powered Giant Super Sportster.

I have thrown the challenge out to the Keller family, "Who will be the first to bring home Gold."

Well done to you all.

Moving forward....September 2021

VMAA Secretary



Unfortunately, the year has been another challenging one with COVID and the ongoing lockdowns. Fatigue and frustrations are starting to set in if not already. We hope as the vaccinating rates increases; the restrictions can reduce so we can go back to what we enjoy. I know the regional areas are faring better than our Metropolitan cousins, but no one is safe or immune to lockdowns or increase in restrictions. I like to think there is light at the end of the tunnel and we can all go back to some normality soon enough.

It has been a while since the last newsletter and this has been due to work commitments and not having a dedicated newsletter editor. But I feel things are changing as new members are joining the VMAA Committee which I will talk more about later in the newsletter.

VMAA Annual General Meeting

The VMAA held its AGM on Thursday, 9 Sep to discuss the Association business for the previous 12 month and to elect executive members of the committee. For this AGM the President and Treasurer were to be elected. The Vice President and Secretary were in their first 12 months of a two-year cycle. The remaining committee members were open for elections.

At the conclusion of the elections, the following members make up the VMAA Committee for FY21/22:

- President: Reeve Marsh
- Vice President: Jon Goudge
- Secretary: Joe Finocchiaro
- Treasurer: Arthur Bablis
- Registrar: Geoff Herbert
- Contest Administrator: Vacant
- Ordinary Member No 1: Mark Sills
- Ordinary Member No 2: Vacant

VMAA Specific appointments for the following positions were set as follows:

- State Flying Instructor: Les Marriner
- Education Officer: Vacant
- Editor: Vacant
- Video Librarian: Ivan Chiselett
- Web Master: Vacant (Secretary Temp)

Pleasing to note that at the time of this newsletter being constructed, the VMAA has received nominations from members from various clubs for the following vacant positions:

- 3 x nominations for 1 x Committee member
- 1 x Nomination for Contest Administrator; and
- 1 x Nomination for Editor.

As the AGM had been held and concluded, the above nomination will be appointments for next 12 months. The VMAA Committee will vote on the above and appoint if successful. Minutes from the AGM have been sent to all club secretaries.

VMAA Survey – State Fields

A survey was sent out to all Association Members asking about state fields and what they expected to have on these fields from a member's point of view. As to what facilities are built on the field is normally taken care of by the host club. Like any club in the association, host clubs submit applications for loan/grants. Projects are based on a number of factors which is considered. The host clubs spend thousands of dollars and effort in establishing and maintaining what they have.

Thank you to all those members that have responded and submitted the survey. It is appreciated. If you have not submitted the survey, you can [click here](#) to download the survey. The survey concludes on 30 September 2021.

Heavy Model Inspectors

The VMAA conducted an audit of all inspectors to ensure the listing on the VMAA website is accurate and up to date. We have found that some inspectors were not available due to changing circumstances or no longer wish to continue in providing the service. For those that no longer wish to continue we like to thank you for what you have provided. The VMAA will not revoke your accreditation as that is up to the MAAA.

The MAAA will be notified for those that have indicated they no longer wish to continue as HMI. Those that did not respond to the survey will be removed from the listing on the website. We hope this will ensure then pilots do contact an HMI, they can make arrangements to have their models inspected. Pilots also need to be aware that you need to make arrangements with a HMI so an inspection can take place. Approaching

a HMI on the day unannounced is not really appropriate as the HMI is a modeller as well and he needs his own modelling time. The audit will conclude at the end of October 2021.

Consumer Affairs

Has a tool to assist the construction/make up of club rules. The tool is not that sophisticated, asking for a few specifics (association name & purpose, financial year then preferences for membership restrictions, charity status, size of quorum, proxy voting etc) but mostly saying “we don’t need any input from you for the clauses appropriate to this section”

Useful in the general sense, and suited and geared to assist clubs in generating a framework. Instead of a template, you are presented with areas that the legislation REQUIRES you to stipulate for your specific circumstances. Worth having a look and pay if you need to revise what you have.

Click on the link on [Rule Tool](#) to take you to the MyCav New Rules Tool makes writing rules for your organisation easy

Lost Equipment

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Please let me know if you think you have by sending an email to the VMAA Secretary, detailing what has been lost. [Click here](#) to send an email.

All ways a good idea to have your name on equipment in case it gets left at a field being visited or forgotten in hire trailers. Thank you to Costes Hire for contact the club and letting them know.

From the VMAA Registrar

To all Club Secretaries, Treasurers and Registrars
Would you give away your club’s funds to anyone?

To ensure the funds you are transferring to the VMAA are received and easily identified, you need to help us so we can help you. When your club’s funds are paid and transferred into the VMAA bank account and don’t have some basic information such as a reference or from whom the funds are from, you are effectively giving money away. When the VMAA receives payment, and there is either no reference or one that means nothing, then we need to be advised.

There is every chance we may get this wrong because we are guessing where the funds are coming from and what club members does it cover. If we misinterpret what the funds are for, then it is likely it will affect you and your club members and delaying the whole process. So please, help us so we can help you and complete the transaction quickly.

If you make a payment, send an email to registrar@vmaa.com.au advising who it’s from and how many members does cover (senior/junior/ etc.).

MAAA Membership Registration System

The VMAA Registrar is completing an annual clean-up of the database based on active clubs. To date the following clubs, have no members registered:

1. CLAG – Control Line Aeromodellers Gippsland – Disbanded;
2. Bordertown FPV – No active members;
3. Colac Model Aircraft Ass - No active members;
4. Euroa Model Aero Club - No active members;
5. IBIS Minatare Aircraft Group - No active members;
6. Kinglake Model Flyers Club - No active members;
7. Model Aircraft RC Society - No active members;
8. Swan Hill Model Aero Club - No active members;
9. Upper Murray Model Aircraft Club - No active members; and
10. Werribee Wanderers - No active members

The above clubs will be placed in a dormant state unless active members are recorded. Please contact the VMAA Registrar if you will be uploading any members by 15 October 21.

CASA Communications

Clubs are requested not to contact CASA directly as 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 Federal Secretary. On most instances, CASA will direct you back to MAAA.

VMAA Calendar

If you have a date or flyer or both, please send through so clubs get a "heads up" as we move out of COVID restrictions. Better to be prepared than to wait until the last minute. This goes for any displays you may be planning we can add to the VMAA calendar. The intent of the calendar is to provide an avenue for Members to not only see what is happening around our great Association, but to try and not compete/clash with each other. If you live at each end of the state then the issue is really 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. Clubs are sending through flyers for 2022 calendar year. [Click here](#) to see all the events so far

I hope you enjoy the bulletin and if you have an article, photos or would like to promote an event, please send it in. From the VMAA President Reeve Marsh and Committee, please be safe, fly safe when the time comes.

Until next time, fly safe and enjoy our fantastic sport.

Joe Finocchiaro
VMAA Secretary



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Model Airships

Something 'NEW' to try?



There is a growing interest globally in model "aerostats" (hot air balloons and airships); activities for these are sanctioned by the FAI under the "F7" category. The people in Europe have already organised a number of conventions and events over the past few years. The FAI sanctioned "Open International" RC Airship Regatta originally planned for 2020 has been postponed to later in 2021. This will be hosted by the German Aeroclub DAeC, to take place in Friedrichshafen, Germany, 05.-07. November 2021

Some groundwork is starting here in Australia with the appointment of designated technical experts to facilitate liaison with the FAI. Although there is no airship club or special interest group in Australia for F7 at this stage, bringing Australian airship enthusiasts together is the next stage.

If you have an interest in airships, or perhaps already have some experience in these fascinating models, please let us know. The VMAA would be happy to facilitate putting airship enthusiasts in touch with each other.





KVM recently took delivery of two radio units with appropriate accessories. The radios were delivered personally by the ICom distributor who supplied the equipment. MAAA (Model Aeronautical Association of Australia) generously provided a grant which covered 75% of the cost with KVM supplying the balance. The grant made it possible to purchase a VHF radio that will enable our Safety Officer to monitor GA radio traffic, the second radio is UHF which enables reception of transmissions from hang glider and other pilots, this allows model pilots sufficient time to ground their models when other traffic is operating in the area. It was pleasing to note that KVM modellers have already adopted the new requirement to wear hi-vis vests or clothing when intending to move outside the terminal enclosure.

Kiewa Valley Modellers (KVM), a small club based in Mount Beauty in North East Victoria, has been flying models of all varieties at Mount Beauty airstrip since the 1970s. A CASA instrument and close relationships with Alpine Shire, airport committee of management and users of the airport all have been the reason for the long history KVM enjoys. The Club plays its part in the maintenance of the airport grounds, the Club owned mower can be very busy at times. New members are very welcome and the training cupboard which contains a TUNDRA, master and slave transmitters, batteries and the rest make a first flight experience memorable. Support from both MAAA for the grant and VMAA for organising CASA endorsement is very much appreciated.

Attached photos show a TUNDRA pretending to be a water bomber, Winter outlook and perhaps the youngest young lady to launch a model at the strip.



It was fantastic to see all of our clubs that submitted an application for the MAAA Club Assistance Scheme were successful. Congratulations to all clubs and hope the grants will assist in future endeavours.

Ed

“Alpha” Jet, Micro EDF Conversion

Article by Joe Frost



The project starts.
Micro Alpha conversion to RC



Start of cutting and digging with the
Micro Alpha



Internal Layout



New Elevator design

Last couple of years, my main interest in RC modeling was focused on EDF jets, with a great variety of new micro size power units available on the market. In the past years, the most common units were 64, 70, 80, 90 and rare 120mm EDFs, but it's nice to see these days coming onto market a great variety of 30, 40 and 50mm, multi blades, some available even with counter rotation impellers, good news for multi engine powered jets to minimize the torque effect as I have recently documented in one of my 4 engine 50mm "2B2" Delta EDF creation.

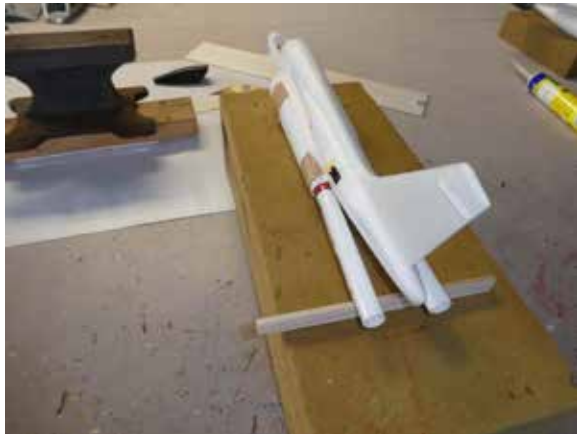
I was always most fascinated by any sort of micro size models, a rarity in jets department, so I have in the recent years created a good dozen of my own design, 'delta types' for its simplicity, mainly using 30 and 40mm EDF units as hand launchers, though, not my favored way to get airborne. From my experience I have found the smaller the more handful, however a great experience and learning curve.

One of my recent fun experiments was also fitting a 40mm EDF unit to a kid foamy chuck glider, (reject bargain) I have found in some junk shop for a mere \$5-, and converting it to RC. The high RPM power unit was running only on 2S, but rather inefficient to power this larger 5 feet w/ span model, so it was swapped with the more effective prop power and the 40mm one used in a mini size Delta jet, moving like a missile for a rather very short flight times of less than 3 minutes with well managed throttle.

After some search, I came across this FMS micro foam model of "Alpha" jet, as a kid's toy glider, to throw around in the parks. Pretty, little scale model judging by the pictures at some \$25, so I have ordered couple just in case, to see if I could convert it to RC as a scale looking micro jet. I'm pretty accustomed flying couple of larger, 64 and 70mm EDF, "Alphas", so I was looking forward to see this micro version on my work bench. On its arrival, after opening one of the boxes, the tiny model (22nd. scale) at 47x60cm (S/L) comes in 3 parts, the fuse, main wing and small elevator stabilizer, both easily slide inside the fuse slots and ready to play with. There's no glue required, as there are some molds and cavities for a firm fit. Basic instruction is included and couple of sheets of decals to live it up in scale colors, if one desires.

Extremely light at only some 60 grams AUW, the first thing I have noticed was a bad warping of the main wing, being of very thin profile, with its tips twisted to the point I would find it just about as un-flyable! After check of the spare box, the same thing! I knew immediately it will have to be well reinforced with carbon fiber spars. Model is being made of EPO foam, to make it more durable for crash landings, but this type of bubbly foam is not the most practical for crafting, especially in this micro size. The trailing edges on the wings are only about 1.5 millimeter thick, without any strength so they will have to be totally redesigned for moving control tabs in both Ailerons and Elevator functions. I have immediately realized this will be a great challenge little model to build as RC.

Before adding the 1.5- and 3-mm carbon fiber spar tubes to the



Thrust Tube Alignment



Wing Modifications



Ailerons serve upgrade



Various batteries for flight trials

main wing and Elevator stab, I have placed both under the heavy press and let it be for couple of days hoping to straighten it up somewhat. The black painted canopy made as a separate part bonded to the nose fuselage section, was carefully removed with the sharp hobby knife, and I have discovered inside the cavity was placed a 20g metal bar for the C of G balance correction. Great thing, after its removal the AUW of empty frame was only some 40 grams now.

The first job was starting to cut, dig and dermal the foam from inside of the solid block canopy, using the sharpest hobby knives to give me an idea what to expect when I get into the fuse to create an internal duct. Pretty messy job with extreme care to be taken not to only avoid cutting your fingers but to remove as much foam as possible without any damage to the outer skin, and still leave some thin foam layer which was later reinforced from inside with numerous coats of PVA glue between some fine sanding to get just a bit of extra strength with the minimum amount of added weight. The finished canopy ending up at one-gram, great start to keep it light!

Next job, after close fuselage inspection and precise marking with the use of the ruler was to divide the part of fuselage along the center line of the intended air duct, and again cut out with care using the sharpest long knife blade to separate the top from the bottom sections, between the air intakes and the slightly shortened twin exhaust outlets. After its removal I have found just a small internal cavity making the cutting slightly easier, but it took extreme care to cut out rounded fuselage air intake and efflux openings into the solid foam blocks.

Dremel tool fitted with the various grinding disk came quite handy in this exercise. After some enlargements of internal duct, I have marked position as far back as practical for the 30mm EDF power unit, leaving just enough space for fitment of short twin exhaust thrust tubes, and started very delicate cutting into the top and bottom halves for a perfect air tight fit of the EDF shroud when both halves were placed and closed together. Again, an absolute nightmare of the job with the rather course EPO foam. The 30mm fan with its larger bell mouth opening (37mm) was just about the limit in size to install in this small fuse frame leaving only one mill of foam body on the bottom halve. To make it really air tight, the fan unit had to be bonded in permanently with the use of silicon when both halves were later joined using Epoxy. Unfortunately, not removable, after further placement of X-ray film made up, tapered thrust tubes, which also had to be well secured with the silicon in this small air tight pressure chamber and exiting through the foam rear cut out holes. For the optimal performance I have used some math to create both thrust tubes combined outside diameter outlet, some 15% smaller than the fan swept area. To perfectly align the both short tubes with the fuse, I have made up 30 cm long mock ups fitted inside to exit rearward while waiting for the 5 min. Epoxy cure time. Fuselage air intakes are pretty large so there won't be any issue of power unit's air starvation. But unfortunately, with the twin exhaust and only a single fan there will be some loses in performance, a common thing of EDF power in this configuration.

Read the dull article [Click Here.](#)



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VMAA Video Library September 2021 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 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, videolibrarian@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.

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Possible impact to use of German warbird markings?

There have been news reports flagging a potential ban on Nazi symbols under Victorian legislation being finalised. This could conceivably prevent the use of WW2 German markings such as the swastika on model aircraft. The public consultation phase is still to be performed and the VMAA is attempting to find out how we can ensure we are part of that.

There is little hard information on exactly how any ban will apply, but news articles do indicate that it is expected that any ban will not include the use of symbols for educational or historical purposes. Additionally, there is a lot of commentary about museum exhibits and genuine memorabilia needing exemption. I hope we can get our models included under one of those categories.

The VMAA will add updates in the VMAA Bulletin as things become clearer. There is sure to be a push for a similar anti-hate approach across Australia so the VMAA will liaise with the MAAA as the matter develops to ensure a common national approach.



VICTORIAN FLYING SCALE AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION

The next round of the VFSAA Vicscale trophy will be held at the Valley Radio Flyers in Shepparton on June 8th and 9th. Join us for a weekend of flying and take the opportunity to gain some knowledge from the best of the best in the scale flying community. All categories will be catered for from F4C (Ian Watts perpetual trophy), F4H (Clive Butler perpetual trophy) and flying only (allowing the entry of ARF aircraft). If you wish to try out the competition arena or just want to brush up your scale flying skills, this is the event for you. All levels of flyers are welcome and you must be a current MAAA member. Heavy model permits are required for large models over 7 kgs according to the MOP.

Camping is available at the field or grab a room at the Peppermill Motel in town and join in for a meal and a social chat on the Saturday night.





The flying schedule and online entry form can be downloaded from the links below and be returned to Noel Whitehead at noelw26@gmail.com.

Full details of the maneuvers and the official FIA scale rules can be found on the VFSAA website at www.vfsaa.org

SCALE BUILDING AND FLYING STILL STRONG

Article by: Joe Finocchiaro

Photos by: Keith Quigg

As we all know the COVID restrictions and lockdowns have had a significant impact on all disciplines. Many events and displays have been placed on hold or cancelled to 2022. From the many disappointments of not running events, scale flyers tend to build. I have heard that building was dying out due to ARFs and lack of interest. However, looking at some of the Facebook posts and the chatter around the place, I think there is plenty of building going on. Just waiting for the all clear to get out there.



aviation. There are so many different types of aircraft you can build a model from with lots of information on the internet.

Whether you build from scratch or want to fly stand off scale, the discipline caters for a variety of model types, size and time periods. You don't need experience as that will come with time and there is plenty of members that can offer advice and help with many parts of a project. A scale ARF is all that is needed to start and be part of the Association and enjoy some competition as well.

The Victorian Flying Scale Aircraft Association (VFSAA) is the Victorian association that holds monthly events (when possible) and bimonthly club meetings. At the general meetings we have "shown and tell" where members demonstrate their skills and the way they have approached challenge in construction or scale appearance. You find these talks interesting and may lead you to try your hand at building.

The events that VFSAA have conducted over the past few months have been very successful with some great flying and members. Great to see new members or at least visitors that are keen in scale. It is a great discipline to be involved with and share a common interest, model



The VFSAA were meeting at the Victorian Association of Radio Model Soaring (VARMS) clubhouse at Wantirna South over the past few years. Unfortunately, due to the expansion of the State Basketball stadium complex, the club is on the move to a new field. We hope the club all the best in their new venture. As this newsletter is being constructed, the club does have a new field to continue their operations. But like we all know; it will take time to build the infrastructure and get back to full swing.

The VFSAA has now made arrangements to meet at the Field Naturalists Club of Victoria (FNCV), located in

Blackburn, on the third Thursday of the month starting at 8:00 pm. This is not a new site for VFSAA as meetings have been held at the hall for many years before moving to VARMS. The location provides a more central site for members and has all the facilities we need to hold meetings. Due to COVID, our meetings, like many other clubs/associations, cannot be held face to face. It is hoped that will change soon enough.

To be part of the Association is not expensive and how you progress with scale flying or building is entirely up to you. There is no pressure or expectations to achieve, but an environment to enjoy scale aviation. One thing is for sure, there are plenty of members that will help/assist or have a chat to share ideas. All visitors are welcome to attend our meetings to have a look and be part of the group.

The annual fee to join the VFSAA is only \$30 which can be paid by EFT. If you want to know additional information, or would like an application form, please contact the VFSAA Secretary by [Clicking here](#) and send an email. You can also visit the VFSAA website at www.vfsaa.org.au



***ALL completed wing assessment and requests need to be sent to
SFI@Vmaa.com.au
and no where else.***

MAAA Instructor Refresher Courses Completed

Qualified Instructors - The VMAA currently has 147 MAAA qualified instructors. Well done all instructors in completing the course.

Plans for the next six months - The Instructor's Course planned to be held at the Norther Flying Group (NFG) on Saturday the 4th of September 2021 had to be cancelled due to the restrictions. The course will be rescheduled at the first available opportunity once current restrictions are lifted.

As a prerequisite to applying to attend the Instructors Course, members must hold a Gold Wings Rating, and must be currently performing Club Instructor duties, to demonstrate their communication skills and that they have the temperament to do the job.

Prospective Instructors will also be asked to demonstrate their current flying skills in the open air, using their own model, by performing a selection of Gold Wings manoeuvres, nominated by the SFI.

If you genuinely wish to become an Instructor, please feel welcome to give me a call on 0401 622 613 and I will answer any questions you may have regarding the process.

Rewriting the Instructors Written Test – The SFI has made some changes to the written test that is conducted during the Instructors Course. The new test has had some nonsensical questions removed. The SFI has added more relevant questions to test the student's knowledge of the MAAA MOP's and CASA Regs. The course is held over one day. All instructors that wish to attend an instructor course please contact the Club Secretary to be nominated.

***VMAA SFI
Les Marriner***

VMAA Formal Recognition:

At the VMAA AGM, the President acknowledge outstanding performance provided to the VMAA and Association. The MAAA have a number of recognition awards for members that have provided a great service which are normally submitted via the states. The VMAA does not have a mechanism as such but an appropriate way to acknowledge these efforts and great service is via annual AGM.

VMAA SFI, Mr Les Maerriner is the first person in for this category, based on the effort and work done. The President acknowledged the contribution of the SFI including the way he conducted the refresher courses and gained the confidence and trust of members. Feedback from a number of students have been received acknowledging in the way he presented the information and the importance of an instructor.

The VMAA formally recognises the SFI, Les Marriner for his outstanding effort, determination and conduct of the MAAA Refresher Instructor Courses. Congratulation and well done.

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Wing Processed for January to September 2021

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29783	BADDOCK	Kevin	BADMAC	Bronze Power
87900	CARPENTER	Finn	SADAC	Bronze Power
86136	FICE	Egon	DAC	Bronze Power
88025	GRBAC	David	KDMAS	Bronze Power
86426	GREEN	John	KDMAS	Bronze Power
87719	LINKE	Peter	SADAC	Bronze Power
87216	OBULAPU	Amnol	DAC	Bronze Power
86954	O'LEARY	Daniel	Werribee	Bronze Power
53049	SUBOTSCH	Alex	P&DARCS	Bronze Power
87871	VAN DE VYVER	Albert	SADAC	Bronze Power
87341	VERMA	Sumit	GMAC	Bronze Power
86783	WICKS	Sam	SADAC	Bronze Power
26283	AILE	Damien	LDMFA	Silver Power
36996	BITMATTA	Paul	GMAC	Silver Power
83706	BITMATTA	Thomas	GMAC	Silver Power
84584	CARLYON	Peter	Wangaratta	Silver Power
87854	CHIN	JASON	PARCS	Silver Power
88064	CUNNINGHAM	Joshua	P&DARCS	Silver Power
87880	DONALD	Spencer	NFG	Silver Power
87877	DOWNS	Russell	GMAC	Silver Power
76039	DOYLE	Daryl	Moir	Silver Power
43394	GARY	Trevor	P&DARCS	Silver Power
87955	GILL	Christopher	Mitchell MAC	Silver Power
55619	HARTNEY	JOHN	KDMAS	Silver Power
86508	HURST	Peter	Doncaster	Silver Power
86205	JACKSON	Tim	DAC	Silver Power
34089	KELLER	Chris	P&DARCS	Silver Power
87901	KELLER	Cooper	P&DARCS	Silver Power
86343	KILPATRICK	Michael	DAC	Silver Power
85479	LAW	Melissa	Yarra Valley	Silver Power
88060	LITTLE	Ian	DAC	Silver Power
87817	O'DONNELL	Matt	PARCS	Silver Power
83790	RISICATO	Mika	DAC	Silver Power
87597	SCIBERRAS	Damain	KDMAS	Silver Power
84670	SHAPIRO	Henry	VARMS	Silver Power
87832	SHARMA	Vibhu	Werribee	Silver Power
87257	STUC	Dorian	GMAC	Silver Power
53049	SUBOTSCH	Alex	P&DARCS	Silver Power
38606	TAYLOR	Foster	CMAC	Silver Power
60941	THIEDEMAN	David	Latrobe Valley	Silver Power
13365	VEAL	John	Warrnambool	Silver Power
87341	VERMA	Sumit	GMAC	Silver Power
45826	AXFORD	Stephen	GMAC	Gold Power
85597	BANKO	Ba'lint	P&DARCS	Gold Power

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<i>AUS#</i>	<i>Surname</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Club</i>	<i>Rating</i>
31305	CRISP	Alan	BRCMC	Gold Power
85657	RITTER	Harrison	P&DARCS	Gold Power
83359	TULK	David	Twin Cities	Gold Power
26006	WATSON	Geoff	Warrnambool	Gold Power
38699	WILSON	Tony	Bairnsdale	Gold Power
38606	TAYLOR	Foster	CMAC	Gold Power
85672	WILSON	Darcy	Bairnsdale	Gold Power
86349	CHUGH	Praneel	VARMS	Bronze Glider
77208	DOLPHIN	John	VARMS	Bronze Glider
24815	GAMBLE	Colin	DAC	Bronze Glider
87171	PEARCE	Dean	VARMS	Bronze Glider
75786	SEIDEL	David	VARMS	Bronze Glider
24977	STENT	Marcus	Seymour MAC	Bronze Glider
83619	ZAMMIT	Joe	VARMS	Bronze Glider
87162	BOYLE	Geoff	MRCHC	Silver Heli
88052	KELLY	Andrew	GMAC	Silver Heli
75804	TAN	Cliff	MRCHC	Silver Heli
38444	BAKER	Neil	Twin Cities	Gold Multi Rotor
38444	BAKER	Neil	Twin Cities	Silver Multi Rotor

Instructors Processed for September 2021

<i>AUS#</i>	<i>Surname</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Club</i>	<i>Rating</i>
47860	GIBBENS	Owen	Twin Cities	Instructor Power
63663	MITCHELL	Owen	Wangaratta	Instructor Power
75806	BRUNTON	Alwyn	Twin Cities	Instructor Power
84777	BALL	Tony	Twin Cities	Instructor Power

*The fees for Financial Year 2021/2022 as from 01 August 2021
Full Year Membership for Seniors and Juniors are:*

	<i>MAAA</i>	<i>VMAA</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Seniors</i>	<i>\$90</i>	<i>\$54</i>	<i>= \$144</i>
<i>Juniors</i>	<i>\$45</i>	<i>\$27</i>	<i>= \$72</i>

For half year membership details starting 01 January, go to the VMAA Website www.vmaa.com.au

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 Secretary 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 via Zoom Video Conferencing

