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Newsletter – June 2019

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Around the hangar.....Garth Wilmot.

Unfortunately, Stuart Smith has resigned as newsletter editor and I have decided to step in for one issue before the AGM. This should not be taken as an undertaking to volunteer for the coming year. Stuart deserved thanks for his efforts.

I urge members to attend the AGM on 16th June as it is essential that we have a quorum to be able to attend to the normal statutory club business.

Advice has been received that MAAA fees are to increase by \$30 which equates to a 50% increase. This is a savage increase at a time when clubs are facing a declining membership. This increase is in part necessary due to a huge increase in insurance premiums in the aftermath of a serious fire in Queensland. Perhaps both national and state bodies need to look to find ways to reduce expenditure. It is very easy to become complacent in regard to this matter.

Quite a few years ago TMAA fees were increased by \$10 as a levy to cater for the possibility of establishment of a state flying field. That was pie in the sky at the time and it still is. This levy was cancelled at the last TMAA AGM.

Ian Searle has donated a fairly large collection of modelling gear including engines and electric motors etc.to the club. This gear is in the clubhouse for sale and members are asked to pay fair price and place proceeds in the supplied container.

Unfortunately, Ian is suffering serious ill health at the present time and should be commended for his generosity.

President's Corner

Need I say it again, the weather has reduced a lot of our flying time this month however some random days produced beautiful flying conditions. I unfortunately have not been able to make much of it.

A couple of things have been completed recently. The broken tile markers on the runways have been replaced with concrete pavers (cockies will find them hard to lift and break) and the clubhouse gas hot water system has been installed.

The horses are now being moved around the paddocks with new fencing now installed. We have five horses now and may be increased. This is going to keep down the fire hazard grasses into the Summer.

Visitors to the field in the last few days will have noticed excavations going on. Phil Hubbard and I are chasing an expensive water leak which has been wasting around 3 litres a minute since December. We hope to have this sorted soon however it could also mean spending some dollars if we cannot find it.

Most of you are aware of the increases in the MAAA fee from \$60 to \$90 which has prompted discussion at many a field.

May I say without preempting the outcome of an informal meeting prior to the AGM, there will be no increase in fees to members because of the MAAA increase other than the \$20 for Pensioners and \$25 for full members. It is estimated that the MAAA increases can be absorbed within the budget due to a modest surplus providing members renew their memberships for the coming year.

The MAAA had it's national conference recently at which this increase was discussed and the reasons for doing so. The increase was endorsed by all delegates representing the 332 clubs and 9400 members nationally.

Locally, Ken Ward and myself attended the TMAA meeting in Campbell Town yesterday at which the need for the increase was discussed and the outcome was that all the clubs including HMAAC accepted this and it prompted little discussion.

HMAAC had put forward a suggestion prior to the meeting that the term deposit funds held by the TMAA should be reduced and given back to the clubs. Unfortunately being a non profit organisation this cannot be done. So that monies could flow back to the clubs, a motion put forward by the Roaring Forties and supported by HMAAC culminated in the TMAA fee being reduced from \$20 down to \$10. (One club disagreed.) This will assist in off setting part of the MAAA increase.

It has to be said that contrary to popular opinion, the MAAA does not have \$millions in the bank and due to unprecedented claims on its's insurance policies and premiums rising to \$160k the organisation is running with a considerable deficit.

The MAAA fees have been for some time kept low due to competition however this situation cannot be sustained and the deficit has to be reduced.

This impact on funds is hampering things like loans and grants to clubs such as the purchasing of a club airfield in Sydney. Some \$1,000,000 has been set aside for this and this is the sort of assistance available to clubs through the MAAA.

If this increase had not happened then the MAAA would be looking at shutting down some of its programs.

Locally, the funds held by the TMAA are there to assist clubs in times of field uncertainty and in the case of the North West modellers they could be in a position of losing their field. TMAA would be there to assist in acquiring another field along with the MAAA.

It should be noted that 'alternative organisations' with cheaper products are going to be facing similar increases also in their insurances and business costs.

MAAA clubs will be exempt from CASA 101 regulation and fees that are to be brought in later this year.

MAAA members who have sought and gained permission to fly in an area other than an airfield will also be exempt.

The Regulations mean each non-MAAA person will have to register each and every plane, heli, drone etc and paying \$10 to \$20 per annum (estimated by CASA) for the privilege.

MAAA members wanting to fly in an area outside of the above exemption will also have to comply with registering models and paying fees.

The MAAA just like HMAAC is facing a difficult road ahead with reducing membership and escalating costs, particularly insurance so your support of the MAAA through the HMAAC and the TMAA is vital to the prosperity and future of our sport.

Some individuals, upset about the increase in fees have expressed their concerns by considering joining an alternative organisation whilst being a member of HMAAC.

I have sought guidance on this matter and I make it quite clear that if you choose to do so then you will no longer remain a member of HMAAC nor will you be able to fly at any other flying field in this state which is affiliated with the MAAA.

Happy and safe flying,
Barry Gerrard

**Agenda for
Annual General Meeting
16th June 2019 at Kelly Field.**

Meeting to Open at 10.00am

Present:

Apologies:

Confirmation of Minutes: The minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 17th June 2018 be accepted and confirmed as a true record.

Business Arising: From the last AGM

Presidents Report:

Treasurers Report:

Election of Office Bearers: All positions to be declared vacant and new officers to be elected.

Nominations have been received for the following positions:

President: Barry Gerrard

Vice President: Phil Hubbard

Secretary: Ken Ward

Treasurer: Glenn Pearce

Ordinary Members: Peter Gard, Phil Murrell, Damian Blackwell

Members are encouraged to further nominate themselves or another member.

Appointment of Auditor: Peter Anderson to be retained as the club's auditor for the next financial year.

General Business: Appointment of Newsletter Editor

The AGM will be followed by the General Meeting after a short break.

For Sale.

Garth Wilmot phone 62431790 or 0407303662

Quadcopters complete and ready to go.

Spektrum compatible receivers – only needing batteries and Spektrum transmitter. \$120 each or both for \$200.



For Sale (Contd).

Parkzone Sport Cub complete with flaps and Spektrum AS3X stabilised receiver. \$150.



Ryobi Scroll Saw – hardly used \$25.

For Sale (Contd).

Good solid building board 1.5m long – guaranteed warp free. \$35.



For Sale (Contd).

Eflite Sukhoi 3D model complete with Spektrum AS3X stabilised receiver which allows recovery in the event of pilot error – hardly flown as I am really not into 3D. Retail price \$399.95 – reduced to sell \$200.



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Damian Blackwell's Viper.



Damian's Bell Aircobra



Damian's Bell Aircobra coming in for a landing.