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## AUGUST 2023

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Godwin has been successfully flying his Albatross off the Lake on some cold & calm mornings this month

SUNDAY	JULY 30	General flying at all sites - <b>Combat Classic Event 3 at 11.00am</b>
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 2	<b>Annual General Meeting</b> – at the LV Airport at 7.30pm
SUNDAY	AUGUST 6	Club Flyday at LAKE NARRACAN
SUNDAY	AUGUST 13	General flying at all sites
SUNDAY	AUGUST 20	General flying at all sites & Combat Classic Event 3 backup day
SUNDAY	AUGUST 27	General flying at all sites
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 3	<b>FATHERS DAY</b> & General flying at all sites
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 6	Monthly Meeting at the LV AIRPORT - 7.30pm start
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 10	Club Flyday at LAKE NARRACAN.
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 17	<b>Slope Gliding at No Pine</b> & General flying at all sites
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 24	General flying at all sites

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From the President...

Hi all first of all I would like to thank all those who attended the mid year lunch at the MOE RSL. The Committee thought it would be easier for everyone to arrive home in daylight hours and comments have been positive. Many thanks to PARLO and CHRIS for arranging the venue.

The track into our field has had some potholes filled at last, thanks to Latrobe city, and the field is still fairly dry to fly on as the forecast for winter is dry.

Please don't forget the AGM next Wednesday. Remember the Club is run by a Committee and we have 1 ordinary member vacancy on the committee at this time.

See you at the field

Regards - Bill Reid

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**With the MAAA, VMAA & Club fees added in, here are the Fees for next full year. (1/7/23 to 30/6/24)**

**Senior \$54 + \$90 + \$86 = \$230**

**Pensioner \$54 + 90 + \$50 = \$194 ( needs to have a Centrelink Pension Card or Health card.)**

**Junior \$27 + \$45 + \$2 = \$74 (under 18 years old on 1/7/23)**

**Life member \$54 + \$90 + \$0 = \$144**

**An Associate member is a full member who pays his MAAA & VMAA fees via another Club so just pays the appropriate "Club Fee".**

**Senior associate member = \$86**

**Pensioner Associate Member = \$50**

**Junior Associate Member = \$2**

**Social member = \$20 (a Social Member has no flying rights.)**

**Half year fees are only available after 31st December 2023 and only for "new members" or "past members" that have not been a member for over 12 months.**

**Account Name : Latrobe Valley Model Aero Club**

**BSB : 063530**

**Acc No :10068336**

**You can also pay in cash at the field if you prefer. (See Godwin or Wayne) or you can also pay by Cheque.**

**Thanks to those who have already paid.**

**Current financial membership is 38 members.**

## Minutes of the July 2023 Monthly Meeting held at the Latrobe Regional Airport at 7.30pm on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023

1 Meeting Opened at : 7.30pm

2 Present – 8 members - Bill Reid, Wayne Lewis, Chris Davenport, Brian Adams, Stephen Loft, Rex Mitchell, James Morfitt & Doug Jowett

3 Apologies – Godwin Bugeja, Roy Urand, Ian Partleton, Ivan Walker & Paul Mitchell

4 New Members applications – Tim Dawson was accepted back into the Club.

5 Visitors – Nil

6 Confirm the minutes of the previous Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> June 23 – As per the July 23 Newsletter

Moved : Secretary    Seconded Brian    Carried: Yes

7 Business arising from the previous minutes –

7.1 MAAA Jungle - delayed – possible start in November 23t.

7.2 The Morwell Club lunch was \$45 per head so it was decided to have the Social Lunch now at the Moe RSL on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July 23 at 1.00pm. Buy of the menu.

7.3 Club Jackets – order has gone in for 11 Jackets -slightly different to the last order. They should be available within the week and came out at \$85 each.

7.4 agreement with Swinburn Air Hub - New person in charge who we haven't met yet.

8 Correspondence In & Out and Business arising from Correspondence

8.1 Out - Newsletter to members, VMAA & various others

8.2 In – VMAA meeting minutes

8.3 In email from Mark Hallam of Swinburne Air Hub notifying of a new person in charge -Michael Hellessey, and thanking us for our assistance in what they have achieved so far.

8.4 Out – email to Mark Hallam thanking him and wishing him all the best.

Moved : Secretary    Seconded: Rex    Carried: Yes

9 Treasurer – As supplied

Starting Balance	\$ 6948.22
Income	\$ 3836.00
Expenses	\$ 461549
Balance	\$ 6168.73

Comm Bank TD    \$ 48513.01 ( **It was agreed to reinvest @4.5 % for 12 months** )

Bendigo Bank TD\$ \$ 5277.80 (this investment was renewed on 26-3-23 for 1 year @ 3.75%)

Total Investments    \$ 53790.81

Total Funds            \$ 59959.54

Moved : Treasurer    Seconded: Doug    Carried:Yes

10 2023-2024 Membership at 4-7-23 – 18 Seniors, 9 Pensioners, 1 Junior, 3 Life, 3 Associate. = total of 34 financial members

11 Lake Narracan Advisory Committee: - The Council has sent someone out to check what needs doing. We don't know when anything will be done.

12 Relocation Update: - ongoing

13 Flight Proficiency – Oliver - Bronze Wings, Godwin - Silver Wings, Jeremy – Silver Wings. Hickup in the wings system now sorted and appropriate certificates have been sent to 5 members by the SFI.

14 Safety: - None – all is well

15 GENERAL BUSINESS

15.1 AGM at this stage there is 1 vacancy on the Committee.

15.2 Other

16 BENT WHEEL AWARD – Several Nominations this month. Obviously, plenty of flying has been happening.

Ivan Walker for crashing his Jackaroo on a windy day

Dave Thiedeman for one spin too many with his S1500 Stick

Doug Jowett crashing his Bixler 3 times in 3 hours and the 3<sup>rd</sup> time was fatal

Fred Walder for crashing his Tiger out in the paddock.

Jean Huet for crashing his Monaro, he thinks the battery went flat and he didn't realize it.

Chris Davenport for crashing his Ultra Stik, out in the paddock cause unknown.

Eric Spratt for crashing his Crusader & Sparkler.

#### **Congratulation Dave Thiedeman for receiving the Bent Wheel Award**

17 BOMB AWARD – **The only nomination was for Dave Thiedeman. So Dave got the Double Awards this month.  
Well done Dave**

18 SHOW & TELL – James Morfitt told us about his trip to Sydney for the NSW Control Line State Championships in which he flew in the Expert Class.

Rex Mitchell told us of a trip to Lake Narracan with his new Cessna. His fuel pump stuffed up and he fixed that and then he started the engine ok but it cut out and wouldn't start again. He thinks the fuel tank may be connected the wrong way. He then wanted to fly his Little Toni but it started to rain so he went home.

Rex also told us of problems with his Christian Eagle the last time he went to fly it. Only 1 aileron was working and then he found the cobain struts were broken and the top wing was moving around. Just as well it didn't take off or it may not have returned in one piece.

19 CONFIRM PROGRAM - Mid year social meal Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 1.00pm, Sunday July 30 -Combat Classic,

20 Next meeting will be a General Meeting & AGM and will be on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2023 at 7.30pm at the LV Airport.

21 Meeting Closed at : 805pm

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**The AGM will be on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at the Latrobe Regional Airport after the General meeting which starts at 7.30pm. We still have at 1 vacancy on the Committee so if you would like to be on the committee, please let anyone on the current committee know.**

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#### **Club Flyday – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

It was a cold, wet and windy weekend and there was no flying. The wind was gusting to over 50kmh for most of the weekend so it was good weather for building/repairing if you had a heated workspace.

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**Have you got the correct Wings ?** Several members have “Bronze Wings” and should be upgrading to “Silver Wings” or even “Gold Wings. Don't be afraid to have a go at the manoeuvres, especially when you may be the only one in the air. It can only make you a better pilot. There is more to flying RC than just flying around in circuits.

<http://www.maaa.asn.au/images/pdfs/forms/Form-016-POWER-BRONZE-SILVER-WINGS.pdf>

<http://www.maaa.asn.au/images/pdfs/forms/Form-017-POWER-GOLD-WINGS.pdf>

[http://u.b5z.net/i/u/10194601/f/Flight Intruc/Part 5 5 - Description of Gold Wings Manoeuvres.pdf](http://u.b5z.net/i/u/10194601/f/Flight%20Intruc/Part%205%205%20-%20Description%20of%20Gold%20Wings%20Manoeuvres.pdf)  
( read in conjunction with the MAAA Bronze, Silver & gold Wings Sheet as there are manoeuvres that we do not do, included in this pdf )

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**The incinerator had some use this month with several very cold mornings**

**Please remember that we never use petrol to start any fire.**

**There is dry wood and some old fuel in the back container and there is plenty of firewood around.**



The Warragal flyers have been out and this pic was sent in by David Campbell

L to R - David Campbell, Bill Burrows, Dirk Kurpershoek & Ray Cooper

The models are a couple of Fun Cubs, a Tundra and a SuperEZ. The plank in front is Ray Coopers own design as is the glider directly behind.

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**CURRENT FUEL SITUATION – 13-6-23**

**(Note the price change for 4 stroke)**

Roy is still purchasing fuel from Toy World in Bulk at a 20% discount and is leaving a small quantity in the flying field container.

Current prices inclusive of the 20% discount for 2 stroke and 10% discount for 4 stroke are:

**2 Stroke \$48 / 4 litres**

**4 Stroke \$63 / 4 litres**

Could club members please ensure that they immediately advise Roy (at field or text 0417 562014) when taking any fuel and pay prior too, or shortly after. If you want to transfer the money here are the details: BSB 063530 Account 10029601 Account Account Name: Roy White.

Roy has also left some Glow Plugs and Ply wood in the Container at marked prices.

The **Combat Classic** event 3 didn't happen on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June as the wind was gusting to 35kmh by 11.00am. Lofty & James did have a go and James did cut Lofty's string about 300mm from the tail but it was considered too windy to hold the event so it has been rescheduled to **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July at 11.00am.**

### COMBAT CLASSIC

After Event 2 the scores are as follows.....

James	830 + 750	= 1580
Lofty	750 + 750	= 1500
Ian P	750 + 750	= 1500
Wayne	700 + 800	= 1500
Godwin	730 + 750	= 1480
Chris	000 + 750	= 750
Brian	750 + 000	= 750
Roy	730 + 000	= 730

**The next Combat Classic event is set down for Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2023.**

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**Below - Howard Hughes - How is this for an outdated RC setup ?**





Above - Amelia Earhart teaching kids about flying on a simulator – Simulators have come a long way since then !  
(above B & W pics taken from an old SADAC Newsletter)



Above - Fred Built this Stick and sold it to Doug who is flying it on a Safe Receiver. Doug is flying quite well at the moment.

Club Financial Membership as at 26<sup>th</sup> July 2023

BRIAN ADAMS	IAN HEAFIELD	PAUL O'BRYAN
FRED BARABASZ	ROD HILLSLEY	IAN PARTLETON
GRAEME BLACKMAN	JEAN HUET	BILL REID
GODWIN BUGEJA	DOUG JOWETT	TONY SLOCOMBE
BILL BURROWS	DIRK KURPERSHOEK	ERIC SPRATT
DAVID CAMPBELL	WAYNE LEWIS	DAVE THIEDEMAN
JEREMY CASABURI	DAVID LEWIS	FRED WALDER
RAY COOPER	STEPHEN LOFT	IVAN WALKER
CHRIS DAVENPORT	ALAN MALE	ROY WHITE
TIM DAWSON	LYNTON MCPHAIL	OLLIE WILSON
MICK DYE	REX MITCHELL	JASON YENDALL
DON GRANT	JAMES MORFITT	JULIAN ZHU
ROD HALL	GLEN NEAL	

**Agenda for the August 2023 Monthly Meeting**  
**held at the Latrobe Regional Airport at 7.30pm on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

1 Meeting Opened at : 7.30pm

2 Present –

3 Apologies – Roy Urand, others

4 New Members applications –

5 Visitors –

6 Confirm the minutes of the previous Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 23 – As per the July 23 Newsletter

7 Business arising from the previous minutes –	Moved : Secretary	Seconded	Carried:
7.1 MAAA Jungle - delayed until November			
7.2 Social Lunch at the Moe RSL – successful, lunchtime seemed to go over well.			
7.3 Club Jackets – have arrived and are being distributed			
7.4 agreement with Swinburn Air Hub - ongoing			

8 Correspondence In & Out and Business arising from Correspondence

8.1 Out - Newsletter to members, VMAA & various others  
 8.2

9 Treasurer – As supplied	Moved : Secretary	Seconded:	Carried:
Starting Balance	\$ 6168.73		
Income	\$		
Expenses	\$		
Balance	\$		
Comm Bank TD	\$ 49701.58 (this investment was renewed on 9-7-23 for 1 year @4.74%)		
Bendigo Bank TD	\$ <u>5277.80</u> (this investment was renewed on 26-3-23 for 1 year @ 3.75%)		
Total Investments	\$ 54979.38		

Total Funds	\$		
	Moved : Treasurer	Seconded:	Carried:



10 2023-2024 Membership at 27-6-23 – 21 Seniors, 10 Pensioners, 1 Junior, 3 Life, 3 Associate. = total of 38 financial members

11 Lake Narracan Advisory Committee: - The Council are looking at supplying a load of road gravel

12 Relocation Update: - ongoing

13 Flight Proficiency – Oliver - Bronze Wings, Godwin - Silver Wings, Jeremy – Silver Wings

14 Safety: -

15 GENERAL BUSINESS

15.1 AGM

15.2 Other

16 BENT WHEEL AWARD –

17 BOMB AWARD – IW Jackaroo, WL SPAD 40

18 SHOW & TELL –

19 CONFIRM PROGRAM -

20 Next meeting will be a Committee Meeting & AGM and will be on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7.30pm at the LV Airport.

21 Meeting Closed at :

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Above - Glen Neal has been flying his Seagull "Madness". Its pretty fast !

## Regalia

**Wayne has some large club stickers that go on the inside of glass windows and they are for sale at \$2.00ea. He also has the new Club Cloth Badges for Sale, at \$8.00 each, Metal Badges for \$5.00 each, White Stickers for .50 cents each and Club Caps @ \$15.00**

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## **Minutes of the LVMAC 2022 Annual General Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2022. Held at the Latrobe Regional Airport.**

1 Meeting Opened at: 8.15pm

2 Present – 10 members - Wayne Lewis, Bill Reid, Doug Jowett, Chris Davenport, Brian Adams, Stephen Loft, Ian Partleton, Ian Heafield, Owen McLauchlan & William McLauchlan

3 Apologies – David Lewis, Roy White, Ray Cooper, James Morfitt, Dave Thiedeman, Wilson Hoyos, Chris Eeles, Rex Mitchell, Glen Neal & Ivan Walker

4 Visitors - None

5 Confirm the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2021 – As per the Newsletter

Moved : Secretary    Seconded: Ian Partleton    Carried; Yes

6 Business arising from the Previous Minutes –

6.1 Club Rules were submitted to Consumer Affairs and approved.

### 7 Reports

7.1 Presidents Report : Presidents Report 2021/22

I would like to call the last twelve months or so the bridging year, not that I play that game anymore but more for the fact it was a bridge over troubled waters. It spanned the time between turmoil and peace, between nonsense and common sense and most of all between aggression and nonbelligerence.

As per usual at this time of year we are down on members, but the members we have got are the ones any organisation would love to have in their ranks, and seeing as how we don't have any probationary period for new members it's a case of taking people at face value. However I would like to emphasise that if history tries to repeat itself in the future, knock it on the head at the first sign of discontent, do not let it fester and spread like a cancer because we have all seen what that can do.

As of today my time in this position has come to an end, I am very appreciative of the support you have given to me and very happy to have been able to retire rather than be given a vote of no confidence, I can guarantee my successor will have my full support during his sentence ( sorry term).

That's it from me, see you at the field.....Cheers Chris.

Moved : President    Seconded: Ian Heafield    Carried: Yes

### 7.2 Secretaries Report 2019-2020 :

It has been a pretty good year for the club. Membership for this year ended on 42 members, which was down a little on the previous year in which we had 50 members. Current financial membership for 22-23 year is 37 and there are a couple of new members in the wind. The MAAA has introduced a new registration system for 22-23 and we now are able to print our own MAAA Membership Cards. The Secretary is able to print the card for anyone that cannot do it themselves. We have had some windy days during the warmer months but we still managed to have several successful Club flydays throughout the year.

In April we applied to the MAAA for a \$5000 grant for a New Mower and that has been approved. We are currently awaiting delivery from 'Georges mowers', who gave us a really good price on this mower. The Club has to put just under \$3000 as well for this 46" Cub Cadet mower. The Toro Mower will be going to Warragul to replace the John Deer.

As it is our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year we made plans for an Evening Meal & Fly-in and that all went down well. The weather Gods were on our side for a change.

I would like to thank everyone that has assisted me in this job for this year and I look forward to another year in the Hot Seat.

Wayne

Moved: Secretary    Seconded : Brian Adams    Carried: Yes

7.3 Treasurers report: The treasurer read out his report and details for CBA are

-Starting Balance	\$ 6527.22
Income	\$ 8695.00
Expenses	\$ 8565.15
E o Y Balance	\$ 6657.05

Term Deposits:- CBA \$48367.91, Bendigo Bank \$5210.1 Total in Term Deposits \$ 53578.07

**Total funds overall at 1/5/22 were \$60254.77 which is an increase of \$458.25 from the previous financial year.**

Moved : Treasurer Seconded : Doug Jowett Carried : Yes

8 All positions are now vacant – elect someone to elect the new President. – Chris stayed in the seat to elect the new President and then the new President continued with the election of the rest of the committee.

9 Election of 2022-2023 Committee....

- President – Bill Reid
- Vice President – Chris Davenport
- Secretary – Wayne Lewis
- Treasurer – Godwin Bugeja
- Ordinary Member 1 - Ian Partleton
- Ordinary Member 2 – Rex Mitchell
- Ordinary Member 3 – Paul Mitchell
- Ordinary Member 4 - Brian Adams
- Ordinary Member 5 - Ivan Walker
- Ordinary Member 6 - Stephen Loft

10 Election of appointed positions .....

- Assistant Secretary - Paul Mitchell
- Assistant Treasurer – Wayne Lewis
- Safety Officers – Lake Narracan – Godwin Bugeja & Dave Thiedeman
- Warragul – Dirk Kurpershoek
- Supper officer – Wayne lewis
- Auditors x 2 – Chris Davenport & Wayne Lewis
- Plans Officer – Godwin Bugeja
- LNAG rep – Bill Reid
- Newsletter Editor – Wayne Lewis
- CCMT coordinator – Chris Davenport
- Combat Cup/Combat Classic coordinator – Chris Davenport
- VMAA Trophy coordinator – Chris Davenport

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

- 11.1 Confirm fees for the 2022-2023 year – Junior Fee only to be MAAA/VMAA fees. All other fees to remain the same as last year . (no MAAA/VMAA early joining fee)
- 11.2 Club Yearly Program – only one change from the draft. The program will be sent out in the next newsletter.

12 Meeting Closed at 8.41pm

13 Next AGM Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2023

After the meeting Wayne showed a slideshow of 364 Club History pictures on a 42” Screen.

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omissions or any damage or offence that may be caused as a consequence.



Above – Ivan took these pics at the RSL Dinner at which 32 members & family attended

**Many Thanks to those who have contributed to the newsletter with articles, Pictures and information this month. It would be good to get some new contributors. Thanks also to our regular contributors in particular for their monthly contributions.**

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