

The Free Flighter
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The new dining room
at West Wyalong

Minutes of General Meeting 20th November 2015

Meeting opened: 7.31pm President Terry Bond in the chair.

Present

Barry Lee, Tahn Stowe, Terry Bond, Michel Towell, Phil Warren, Ed Mahoney, Geoff Potter, Wally Bollinger, Jim Mc Fall, Roy Summersby, Gary Goodwin, Gary Pope, Reg Towell, Jim Christie,

Apologies

Bill East

Guests

Lyn Towell

Minutes of previous meeting:

Minutes accepted as a true record: moved sec Jim Christie, Michel Towell
With correction to the totals to the treasures report in the printed copies

Business arising: Nil

Correspondence In:

MAAA Chuck Gliders, Adrian Bryant re "How it started "

Correspondence Out:

The Free Flighter November, MAAA Chuck Gliders, Graham Hutchinson

Treasures Report

September/October

CREDIT

St George Bank Int.	1.27
Comm Bank Int	.15
WW Friends	90.00
Scale Entries (Chqs)	220.00
“ Soup (Cash)	35.40
“ Parking (Cash)	99.20
“ Dinner (Cash)	990.00
State Champs Entries	130.00
WW Camping Fees	290.00
Registrations	16,420.00
Dave Anderson Donation	3,000.00
Don Spray Field Donation	40.00

Total \$21316.02

DEBIT

WW Sensor Lights (PW)	50.00
WW Lights/keys (TB)	44.50
WW Ext Paint (MH)	100.00
WW Alcohol (TB)	78.00
WW House Mats	60.00
WW Origin Energy	165.29
WW Astro Turf delivery (RC)	873.80
Postage (BL)	94.95
Toner and Paper	154.95
MAAA Affiliation	11430.00
Scale Prizes (TS)	127.39
“ Toilet hire (TS)	171.00
“ Dinner	1075.00

Total

\$14424.88

Accepted, Mike Towell, sec Tahn Stowe

General Business

Gary to look at insurance re West Wyalong house, if it can be afforded we go ahead.

Roy gave an update of the improvements which have happened at West Wyalong; over the last two months. NSWFFS thanks Reg, Geoff, Terry, Gary G, Matt & Roy. For the work that has been done.

It was noted that Adrian is not well. Lyndel has sent a West Wyalong book to him.

Geoff Potter has an ex board room table which can go to West Wyalong.

Editorial Jan 2016

Hi Team, another Christmas and New Year gone. They are coming and going with increased speed. I hope I can keep up for the next 20 or so. The lead up to Christmas started in Jan 2015 with our Friday party on the field at Richmond in Dec. Lyn Towell provided the very best food on the day and congratulations yet again for a fabulous feed. This of course was washed down by almost copious quantities of a bubbling supplement. We were then visited by Charlie and Pauline. We presented Pauline with flowers and some gift cards and thanked both for their generosity and continued use of their fabulous farm. Without this facility we would be in real trouble in the Sydney basin.

About ten days later we had our formal Christmas BBQ and fun fly day on the field. Liquid left overs from the previous party were in attendance and the same bubbling supplement was available for consumption (there was even some left over for the New Year celebration at WW). The scramble was a bit disorganised with too many supposed starters arriving after the scramble had started. The Braidy Bunch was late and could have doubled the size of the field but it did give our 'Bruce' a chance to win. Scramble rules have always been a bit flexible but please get to the field in time to organise a timer, fuel and self.

The New Year's celebration at WW was again the feature of the year. The house had been booked solid and arrivals commenced on 28 Dec. Naturally, a visit to WW includes a commitment to work as well as flying and celebrating. I arrived on 29 Dec to see frantic activity in the house, garage and the amenities block. Benches being built, electrical work, vinyl being trimmed, walls being painted; it was a scene of enthusiastic cooperation between modellers and friends. I feel proud to be amongst people who give their time, effort and money freely to provide a place to fly and meet.

It is difficult to name all those who were in the mix for work as all did their bit. Geoff Potter gets a special mention for the electrical work in extreme temperatures, Reg and Lyn for additional work on the vinyl and Matt for the safety bench in the garage. New Year went off without a hitch with Matt and Donna providing pizza for all. We even used another time zone to celebrate; I think we were all in bed by 10pm, over fuelled, over fed and overtired. About 22 or 23 attended over the period to fly help or celebrate. I did not realise how useful the garage would be to those who fly RC. Peter Scott used the garage to its full potential over the period and I now understand the requirement of a fire-proof area to charge Lipo batteries. Roy has written a progress report and it is in this newsletter.

The unification of the three societies in NSW is still abuzz with MAS still trying to find a solution to its woes. The 'Bizon' solution is still the best option for CL and FFS and radio clubs as far as we can see. Had MAS not been so recalcitrant in the last 3-5 years and support a number of changes to MAAA and modellers' ideas, then the unification would not have been suggested. The MAS power play has appeared to back fire and ultimately return power to the clubs and not the executive of MAS. We still await the final documentation and administrative changes which may have an effect on the NSWFFS.

Please pay special attention to the program for 2016. The SCC 16-17 Apr is our first hit up but the real test is 28 May-4 Jun; the West Wyalong Champs which includes the state champs F1A, B, C. This is not a replacement for the nationals but we will invite RC, CL and FF flyers to attend special events. SAMS have already accepted. The events manager (Bland Shire), Jeff Stein has been in touch again and has offered the facilities which were previously allocated to the nationals. Be alert team, we already have a volunteer for scale. Remember team, free flighters keep 'em up longer.

Terry Bond
President NSWFFS

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Postage costs have increased to \$1 per letter.

It is becoming too expensive to post a large quantity of newsletters.

Newsletters will only be forwarded to members without email addresses or make a specific request to have a paper copy.

Members who request a paper copy must register their name with the secretary at the next General meeting on 15 Jan 2016 or contact the secretary direct 02 4341 0072

JUNIOR REGISTRATIONS

Future junior registrations will only be accepted if there is a corresponding senior, parent or guardian to accompany that registration.

Junior registration will continue to be subsidised by the NSWFFS until further notice.

MAAA MEMBERSHIP

Any person flying on any authorised field at must be a member of the MAAA. Richmond is an authorised field.

Spot checks will be conducted from time to time to ensure members are financial.

Non financial members and those not qualified to be visitors will not be allowed to fly

This Meeting 15th January

One item on the agenda will be the holding of the 1st West Wyalong Champs. We need to contact other interest groups to see if they would like to run an event.

Contest & Fixture Calendar

Due to some late changes by others please refer to the updated one in this newsletter.

World Cup Events

If you wish to fly in World Cup events you have to be registered on the FAI data base. Fill in the form in this newsletter and send to the MAAA

Scale Rally

This takes place on 2nd & 3rd July. Now is the time to start preparing. It is a big weekend for us and help is required. The New Zealand boy's will be over here in force, trying to take the Trans Tasman trophy from us. Make sure you mark this on your calendar.

Contest Report 13 Dec 2015, Scramble, last for the year

Five scramblers were armed and ready at 8am on the field and ready to run for their models. A late starter delayed progress for a short time but we were underway a bit after 8am. Four of the six scorers were reasonably experienced but we did not have time for a scorer's workshop. It is a bit of a shame because I actually rechecked the scores and additions on my return home. Unfortunately the results posted on the morning are not the actual places achieved.

The real results are; Bruce Hao 1128, Carl Mattas 1116, Aaron Booth 1112, Graham Burgess 1060, Tahn Stowe 1025, David Pagano 769. David's young daughter timed for him and did a great job. Unfortunately Bob Marshal counted a couple of extra scores for Tahn unaware that flights under 15 seconds do not count and scores over 120 count as a max; sorry Tahn relegated to 5th.

A special welcome to the IMAC guys who came especially 'Woodsey' who timed for Graham B. It is a bit unusual for 'Woodsey' not to fly; he usually gives us a flogging. Very gracious! Ultimately the prizes were all the same so there is no need to exchange.

Aeromodeller

Aeromodeller, which has been around for eighty years in England, has now become Australian!!!! They now have four regular Australian writers. They are Brian Winch, Stuart Sherlock, Maris Dislers and Don Howie. Aeromodeller has become once again very good magazine; is it because of the Australian content.

West Wyalong Report 28th/12 to 2nd /1

Once again we had good numbers for the New Years Eve get together. A total of twenty three saw in the New Year. We used Fiji time; this gets you into bed at a respectable hour. Early mornings saw plenty of flying but by around 9.30am it was starting to get windy. This was very good as there was work to be done. Work filled in the rest of the day till it was beer time. Full report on the work over the last two months appears in this newsletter. Some evenings would have been excellent for flying but the beer had won and we didn't get back on the field.

It was great to have Dave & Jan Thomas with us. It looks like we will see more of them as Dave has volunteered to CD future events for us; this is much appreciated, thank you Dave.



West Wyalong Update 3

Development committee

Since the last update two months ago I am pleased to say quite a lot of work has taken place. As far as the current program goes the house, amenities block, camping area, and radio field, there is little more to do that will require big dollars. Unlike governments we are running close to, or on budget, at this stage of the works.

More Vinyl Floors.

After some forceful arm twisting with the Masters store which supplied the vinyl for the lounge and dining room floors, they happily agreed to supply us, free of charge, with enough vinyl to cover the back veranda and laundry floors. These floors have now been covered and this has improved the look of the house enormously. Our thanks here must go to Reg Towel who has put in a lot of days working and is yet to fly a model there.

Back Wall.

The new Hardiflex sheeting on the rear wall has now been painted, making the back of the house a little more respectable.

Dining Room.

This room which was the worst in the house is now the best. Along with the new floor it has new skirting, a new light, and two coats of paint to the new ceiling and walls. For dining in the room, a table big enough to seat 12 people has been installed. The table came to us from Geoff Potter, and I believe it was Comalco's board room table.

Three extra dining chairs have been bought to make the dining room complete.

Garage.

The old swing doors, which were falling apart, have been removed and a new roll-a door installed. This makes the garage lockable. A bench has been built at the back and is covered with aluminium (courtesy Matt Hannaford); its main purpose is for the charging of LiPo batteries. The bench is equipped with a vice and can also be used for general work. Large size batteries must not be charged in the house.

Camp Kitchen.

The ladies shower is now connected to the hot water system. A light has been installed in the kitchen area. A bench top complete with double bowl sink has been installed. The plumbing is complete, so it has water and drainage. The kitchen also has a fridge, microwave, cupboard and electric jug, we intend to put in a large Bar-B-Q and this will complete the camp kitchen. There is a large wooden table freshly oiled and plenty of good chairs to make this a very social area.

Camping Area.

Twenty meters from the camp kitchen towards the radio field and amongst the trees we have installed power and water. This will aid campers and those who wish to provide power in their caravans.

Radio Shelter.

The metal roof on this is finished. Filling for the ground under the shelter has been delivered and will be spread then covered with the green matting.

Radio Field.

Filling for this is on site and again once spread will have the matting over it. The matting will be pegged down forming a permanent take off strip.

Radio Morning Tea Room.

I don't know what else to call this apart from 'have a chat or get out of the wind room'.

A power plug has been fitted so when we get a generator of suitable size they will not only be able to boil the jug, but will be able to have their tea in air conditioned comfort.

Entry Gate. (Over cattle grid)

Vin Morgan went behind our backs. He bought all the necessary bits then fixed the gate so it swings. This is very good for those wives who have to get out, open and shut the gate for us, no more lifting. Leigh said 'thank you Vin', along with the rest of us.

Work to be Done

After the matting has been laid and pegged there is still some painting. The lounge walls and ceiling need a couple of coats to bring it up to scratch. After this there are only bits and pieces of work to be done. We did an Emu parade around the camp area. The rains had brought quite a bit of rubbish to the surface. I know there is more in the ground there but we will get it as it keeps appearing. Over the New Year we took two loads to the tip so we are definitely making progress tidying the place up. We could use a lot more matting (artificial grass) if you know of any. What we have used came from a hockey field and is just what we need.

We know that we have spent a lot of money on improvements but our aim is to get the field used by as many people as possible. The more the field is used the more dollars there is to maintain the property and make it the best club owned field in the world.

Once again we would like to thank all those that have supplied their time and often materials to improve our unique property.

Roy Summersby
Jan 2016

Dear Members,

The following has been received from FAI regarding the FAI Database requirements. As you are the organisers of 2016 FAI World Cup events which are Cat-2 Open International events, it is your responsibility to ensure all who enter these events have valid FAI Sporting Licenses. A valid FAI Sporting Licence is one which is current and registered on the FAI Database by the Countries NAC. The competitor has the option of registering for the event using either a valid Sporting Licence or with their FAI Unique number, which is automatically generated when the members license is validated on the FAI Database by the NAC.

I have attached the FAI Database Information form which you can distribute to those who require to be registered. Please have them return the form to this office either in hard copy or email, however it is important that the form is signed, which is giving permission for the members personal details to be recorded on an International Database.

If you have any questions please contact me.

Regards

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Uninvited Guest or New Member

On the last trip to West Wyalong I had for company Reg and Lyn Towel along with Geoff Potter. Reg's job was to lay the vinyl on the back veranda and the laundry/toilet, Geoff had plenty of electrics to keep him busy, I had many different jobs and we had Lyn to look after us. One of the jobs on my list was to make the new back door more secure as the tongue was only just catching the striker plate. On inspection, I found that the lock was damaged as well as some splitting on the door. So what had happened? Had the door slammed in the wind? I didn't give this any more thought. The next day I noticed the radio which we keep on the lounge window board was not there. Again not much thought, maybe Vin Morgan had taken it home to work on? Vin had been looking at the radios, but why would he leave the charger still plugged in, and on? To add to this Lyn had picked up a strange key off the kitchen floor, we had no idea what it would fit or where it came from.

Next day I had arranged for our West Wyalong plumber Joe, and his wife, to come out, as I wanted to run past him what I needed done prior to Christmas. This work was to happen in amenities building. Once done it was time for an evening beer, as we had all put in a good days work. While relaxing with a beer, Joe asked us if we had heard about the escapee. Oh yes, the father and son that have been giving the police the run around for some time. No not that one, the one they were chasing on Clear Ridge Road.

This fellow was being transported from Ivanhoe to somewhere. Near West Wyalong he requested to the guards that they stop, as he needed to relieve himself, a normal request. The nice guards obliged and you can guess what happened, yep that's right, he did a runner. Now the chap was on foot somewhere near West Wyalong and they were looking for him on Clear Ridge Rd.

From here I am only guessing, but it all seems to fit nicely. He found his way to our property, no cars, and no one home. Saw the radio on the window board (very visible from outside). I will add here, the radio was of the old type (large and one might think it would pick up the police, which it wouldn't) if it had, it might have been of use to him.

He forced the back door, which would have been easy and took the radio. Being on foot he wouldn't need the charger. He had a look around found the strange key in the kitchen draw and just dropped it on the floor. The key was for Donna's quad bike which was down in the shed. Apart from the door, radio and key nothing seemed to be touched or moved at all.

Thinking about it on the way back home I thought I should report it, who knows we might get the radio back. Once home, I first phoned West Wyalong Police, they took some details, then told me to ring the Police Assistance Line, more details required and some hard questions like, do I know the serial number of the radio? Then the West Wyalong Police rang me, they were talking about finger printing the house, but the boy's that do that would have to come from Griffith. No, no, no, the only prints they were going to find on the back door would be mine, as I had taken the door off to fix. After spending forty five minutes on the phone with them, I didn't know any more, except the fellow had been picked up and is now wherever they were taking him.

I must say he left the house clean and tidy, apart from a very old radio nothing that I know of is missing; He even shut and locked the back door on the way out. I think we can consider him to be a friend of West Wyalong, but at this stage he is un-financial.

Roy Summersby.

NSWFFS Contest & Fixture Calendar 2016

Date	Event	Venue	Time	C/D
Jan 15	General Meeting	Harris Park	7:30pm	
Jan 24	Scramble, Scale Rally, HLG/CG	Richmond	7.00am – 1.00pm	Gary Pope
Feb 7	Combined % + Scale Fun Fly	Richmond	7:00am – 1:00pm	Matt Hannaford
Feb 21	State Champ, P30 + Comb Vintage	Richmond	7.00am --1.00pm	Terry Bond
Feb 27 - 28	Hunter Valley Champs	Muswellbrook		
Mar 12-13-14	Victorian State Champs F1 G H J O/Rubber O/power , P30, HLG/CG	Springhurst	See FFDU for Vic Program	Vin Morgan 0393872531
Mar 18	General Meeting	Harris Park	7.30pm	
Mar 20	Combined % + HLG & C/G	Richmond	7.00am-- 1.00pm	Jim Christie
Mar 27	Final Practice for AFFS & SSC	Richmond	7.00 am	
Apr 8-14	AFFS Champs	Narrandera	See AFFS	Program
Apr 16-17	Southern Cross Cup F1A,B,C	W Wyalong	8.00am-3.00pm	Matt Hannaford
Apr 29 May 2	Vic State Champs F1 A,B,C,G,H,J. O/Rubber, O/Power, P20, HLG.	See FFDU for Vic Program	Vin Morgan 0393872531	
May 7-8	Veterans Gathering	Muswellbrook		
May 7-13	World Control Line Champs	Perth		
May 15	State Champs Scramble, +Combined %, Control Line Flying BBQ Lunch	Richmond BYO Food	7.00am-1.00pm	Roy Summersby
May 20	General Meeting	Harris Park	7.30 pm	
May 28-4	1 st West Wyalong Champs, includes NSW State Champs for F1A,B,C	W Wyalong A.B. Field	8.00am--3.00pm	NEED Input What events etc
July 2-3	Scale Rally Weekend. Scale comp Sat 2nd, Sun 3rd ½ Hour scramble, Fun Fly C/L flying & BBQ Lunch	Richmond BYO Food	7.00am till dark Trans Tasman	Tahn Stowe
July 15	General Meeting	Harris Park	7.30 pm	
July 24	Combined %	Richmond	7:00am – 1:00pm	Jim Christie
Aug 7	Combined %, Multiple Entries.	Richmond	7.00am- 1.00pm	Terry Bond
Aug 21	Scale Rally, P 30, Combined Vintage	Richmond	7:00am – 1:00pm	Tahn Stowe
Aug 27-28	Cowra Oily Hand Weekend	Cowra		
Sep 11	½ Hour Scramble + Tomboy Mass Launch. Fuller Day, Stomper, Dixielander, Zoot Suit. B-B-Q Lunch	Richmond BYO Food	7:00am – 1:00pm	John Corby
Sep 16	Annual General Meeting	Harris Park	7:30 pm	
Sep 18	Combined % 5 flights	Richmond	7.00am - 1.00pm	Matt Hannaford
Oct 1-2-3	NSW State Champs F1G,H,J + Vintage Power, Rubber,& Glider , ½ hour scramble	W. Wyalong A.B.Field	7.00am- 1.00pm	Roy Summersby
Oct 16	Combined % Multiple Entries	Richmond	7:00am – 1:00pm	Gary Pope
Oct 29-30	Victoria State Champs F1A,B,C,	W Wyalong	8.00am - 3.00pm	Vin Morgan
Nov 12-13	Wings Over West Wyalong + Scale Rally all disciplines FUN FLY	W Wyalong	7.00am- till dark	Plenty of room for everyone
Nov 18	General Meeting	Harris Park	7:30 pm	
Nov 27	F1G, H J, (Combined)	Richmond	7:00am – 1:00pm	Gary Pope
Dec 11	½ Hour Scramble, Combined Vintage with SAMS & Fun Fly.	Richmond BBQ Xmas	7:00am – 1:00pm Lunch BYO	Terry Bond FOOD
Notes	1. All scrambles start as close to 2. Sport FF, CL,& RC Flying welcome 3. BYO FOOD, DRINK & CHAIR to	8.00 am as on A.B. Field ALL BBQs at	Possible at W Wyalong Richmond	Plenty of room