

The Free Flighter
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The veggies about to be
cooked for the Nat's B-B-Q

Minutes of General Meeting 15th March 2019

Meeting opened: 7.35 pm President Terry Bond in the chair at Dundas Sports Club.

Present:, Roy Summersby, , Phil Warren, Mike Towel, Reg Towel, Gary Goodwin, Peter Scott, Geoff Potter, Wally Bolliger

Apologies, Barry Lee, John Pennells, Gary Pope

Guests: Lyn Towel, Gail Scott

Minutes of previous meeting: Accepted as a true record moved by Geoff Potter sec Phil Warren carried.

Business Arising

Card machine for the Nat's should arrive soon. (Gary has received)

Hardstand talk moved to general business.

Nat's report moved to general business

Correspondence in/out:

OUT

Quotes for hard stand

Meeting Notice sent

IN

Letter & cheque for \$2000 from SAM's for West Wyalong (letter of thanks to be sent)

Flypaper Jan & Feb, MAAA conference, MAAA CASA,

Quote for hard stand

Treasures Report:

Moved, Peter Scott, Wally Bolliger, carried

TREASURERS REPORT NSWFFS

1st January to 28th February 2019

Opening Balances

C.B.A – A/C No 229300901281	\$23,646.60
C.B.A - A/C No 233610409062	\$11,965.81
Opening Total	\$35,612.41

C.B.A 1– Deposits	\$200.00
C.B.A 2– Deposits	\$17,237.00
C.B.A 1- Payments	\$2,164.12
C.B.A – Payments	\$3,025.00

General Business:

Roy reported on the hardstand and after obtaining professional opinions the surface that we require has to be of a hot mix type. At this stage the cost is far greater than expected so the surface is on hold. Roy also stated that the trees on the northern boundary and the two de-funct water tanks will get removed.

Organisers are required for WOWW in October they will be Terry Bond, Peter Scott, Mike Towel,

\$1000 has been given for the remembrance of Alan Edwards who passed away on the 28/2/19. Letter to be sent to AFFS for a memorial trophy at AFFS champs 2020.

Southern Cross Cup 2020 date to be set when we know AFFS dates.

Executive to arrange organisers for the scale weekend in July.

Roy to attend MAAA conference in Canberra

Question on the field at Richmond was asked how long had we been flying there? After some research we can safely say 47 years (April 72 FFDU). Not a bad record.

Working Bee is being arranged this will be on and around the weekend 30th & 31st March.

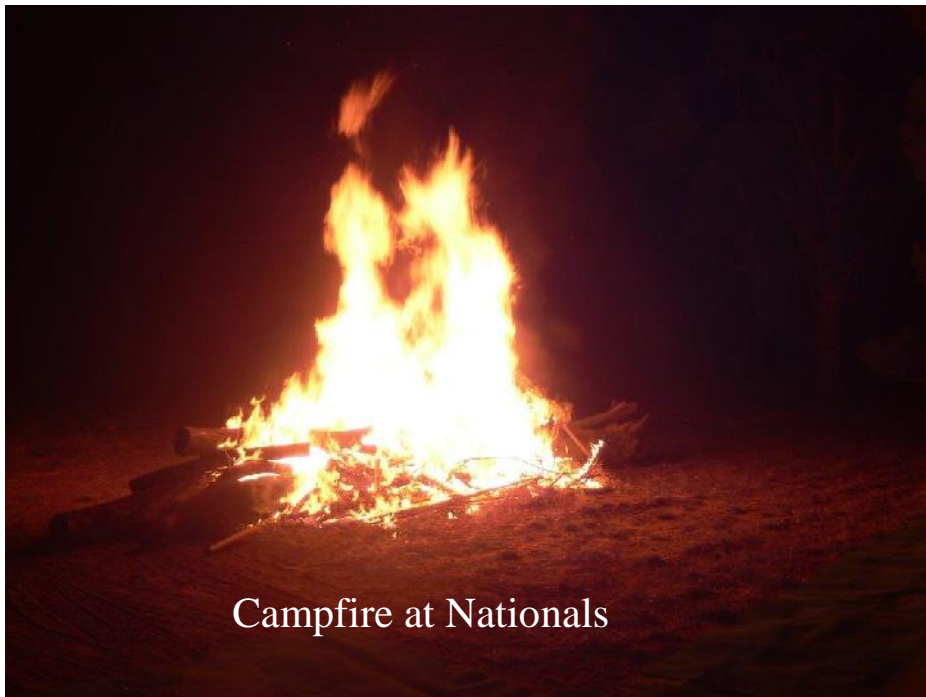
There is plenty that can be done and Roy has jobs for all. The plan is, we hope, weather permitting to get a few hours flying in the early morning then get to work. If you can make it any time between 28th March & 1st April please let Roy know.

Terry gave an update on the progress of the 71st National's which included.

Entry's (200 plus), Goodie bags, Field Directions, Shirts, Hats, Caps, Decals Badges, Medals & personal.

Meting closed 8.44pm

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Campfire at Nationals

Editorial May 2019

The 2019 Nationals are almost over. The flying and fun are finished but the paperwork is still in progress, so the finals figures are not yet available. I have had several complaints from some armchair specialists in northern Queensland in respect to collation of some CL results not being published instantly on the web page, but other than that I have survived. It should be noted that the results are a very difficult mixture of pieces of paper, the occasional thumb drive, word of mouth, and rumour and inuendo sent to the registrar. He is doing his best with limited assistance and will forward the final corrected results to all.

The organisation of future nationals should be changed to make the coordinators job a bit easier; the allocation of some tasks would be given in small allocations to other members. The organisation of toilets to one person; the management of the celebration dinner to another, perhaps the bulletins to another, this would relieve some of the work done by the coordinator. The publicity campaign ran by Sustainable Marketing was very good and successful but too much money was spent on this promotion. More information needs to be published with the promotion. There is a big difference between a promotion campaign and an information campaign. Early publication of information is essential.

I managed to fly in two competitions and flew reasonably well but I was also CD for the scrambles. The night scramble in particular was a stunner. The weather was perfect with a field of about 17 flyers. The scores were high, and the expertise demonstrated by the top three control line flyers was exceptional. Good model handling and very fast engine starts. The podium; Leadbeatter, Fitzgerald and Poschens.

Roy Summersby attended the MAAA council conference this year and he will advise the results at the next meeting. One positive result was that the meeting was in favour of another nationals at WW next year.

The AFFS was again held at Widgiewa and this year it was the 20th anniversary of our attendance at this field. There was a sensational celebration at The Durnan's house with Wayne, Betsy and AJ. Food and wine flowed freely with many a sore head the next day.

The NSWFFS state championships will be held in conjunction with the Victorian champs at WW on the long weekend 8-11 June. The program is attached to this free flighter.

The scale weekend is up and running but with a few minor changes; The static judging will be held on 5 July the Friday prior to flying, it is difficult to static judge a broken model. There will be a Chinese banquet on the Saturday night and a BYO bbq on the Sunday morning.

WOWW will be on again 25-27 October at our field at West Wyalong. Several of our executive members will be at Lost Hills attending the world champs so a few new faces would be welcome.

That's all folks for the time being remember that free flighters keep them up longer.

President NSWFFS

Terry Bond

Next Meeting

This will be on Friday the 31st May (differed from 17th May) at the Dundas Sports Club 7.30pm. Most of us get there early about 6.00pm and have a beer and meal before the serious stuff, please feel free to join us.

Vale.

Sadly this month we have had the passing of Jim McFall and Vera Stowe. Jim had been a member of Doonside Club for many, many, years. Jim would travel to the National's with Ivor F, they were good mates and meeting nights just won't be the same without him.

Vera Stowe was of course Ivor's wife and Tahn's mother, a lovely lady who I admired very much.

Both gone but will be remembered for years to come.

Hall of Fame

On a much happier note at the MAAA conference in Canberra I am pleased to announce that Reg Towell was accepted into the MAAA hall of fame. This I think was well overdue, and well deserved. Congratulations Reg.

West Wyalong

We had a working bee just before the National's, this worked well getting the house and grounds ready for the big event. We have also removed the two water tanks which were not useable and prepared the areas ready for new tanks. The majority of the funds for the new tanks have been provided by John Corby and the late Alan Edwards, we thank you both. While we were there it rained, some 45mm, this was a bit late, if it had happened when it was suppose to the ploughed area which has been seeded would have had grass six inches high.

The ploughing has levelled that section and will be very nice if and when it decides to rain. We, the NSWFFS hosted the B-B-Q at the National's and along with the bonfire was a roaring success; Chris Bush sure knows how to make a bonfire. It was said the meal was better than last year, (maybe they had had an extra glass of wine) and there was plenty of food for seconds. The night scramble which was held just before the B-B-Q was defiantly the very best night scramble ever, perfect conditions and super good times by a lot of flyers.

We are investigating rock picking machines, with the grass so low we can see much better what has to be done. This is not an easy job and it seems that the ground needs what was described to me as tickling up first. I should have more information by the next newsletter.

Alan Edwards

The AFFS accepted Alan Edwards for a memorial trophy next year and will no doubt be for F1B which was Alan's favourite event.

Overseas Visitors

Two flyers from Ukraine were privately sponsored out this year. Igor Vivchar, F1B by Terry Bond and Gary Goodwin. Aleksandrov Viacheslav, F1C by Mike Pettigrew, Shannon Tolmie and Shane McDonald. They competed in both the National's and the AFFS champs. Their sponsors gained a lot from having these two very expert flyers as they were here for a month.

NSW & Victorian State Championships

A reminder that the NSW & Victorian state champs for F1A, B & C will be held on the 8th 11th June at the AB Field West Wyalong.

Saturday NSW F1B & Open power

Sunday NSW F1A, C & Open rubber

Monday Victoria F1A,B,C

Tuesday reserve day

Scale Weekend Richmond

This weekend is coming up fast 6th & 7th July just six weeks away. We have some New Zealanders coming over to join us once again and as always should be a great weekend, let's hope the weather is kind to us. Don't forget there is a kit scale class and four flyers pledged \$200 each if they didn't turn up with a model, should be lots of fun.

Short Report on the MAAA Conference

Friday evening there was a meeting outlining our deed with CASA and a new 149 proposal. No resolutions, as we, along with CASA, are not sure what is going to happen next.

Saturday started with membership talk and the expected drop if we don't do something very soon. There was talk of the schools and Tahn came to my mind as he had spoken along these lines before. That is having a paid person getting out there doing the job.

The treasure spoke at length on why our general funds are being reduced (reduced membership, reduced income and cost increases) and how this problem should be solved.

Our insurance is going up again as there are some big claims pending and the insurance boys do not want to lose money. There were a lot of questions on the marketing and if we were getting value for money, I don't think there was a positive answer as nobody knows.

The marketing people supplied a huge results package on there survey. It was agreed that Wingspan was positive as it receives some 40,000 hits. Personally I still like the paper magazines but we can't afford them. Wingspan is always looking for articles, if we don't give them the information they can't print it.

Jeff Stien from Bland Shire Council attended the meeting with a screen presentation informing us how happy the council was with us and that they are keen to help in the future. Council now know our special needs and can offer us more sites. Council, like us, would like to see a five year or more commitment to the area. There was a lot of talk on National's, all or most agreed that we should have it but no one put there hand up to be a coordinator. With informal talk, that is, with a beer after the meeting, I get the impression that if a National's venue site was committed for say five or more years MAAA would be happy to invest dollars. MAAA have over the past years spent a lot of money on sites only not to have use of them in future years. Maybe what we have been telling them is finally getting through.

The funding of overseas competitors is becoming a major problem as there are 45 this year with a possibility of 63 next year, funding will certainly be reduced.

Kevin Dodd has now fully retired and was presented with an MAAA service medal, he was quite chuffed about this and I think we will be drawing on his expertise for years to come.

Sunday we had a visit from two gentlemen from CASA, one of which you couldn't understand (Irish) the other was very good, however I am not sure what he said except there are a million drones out there. I think it will be a while before they tell us what we can and can't do.

NSWFFS State Fees

Most of the executive met on Friday and decided that our fees would remain at \$30 for the coming year. This will be confirmed at our meeting on Friday. Clubs will now be able to set their fees which will be due next month.

Wanted

Two function timer to suit small glider for small boy. Auto Rudder & DT any brand.
Call Roy 0413588720

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Big Kev's Abomination Day 7th April Richmond

Who was Big Kev? What is an abomination day?

These are some of the questions that have been asked since the passing of Big Kev. Big Kev was probably the ultimate armchair modeller, but saying this he only built or collected rubber scale stuff and I mean lots of stuff. Everything you could imagine that would be, or might be needed some time in the future. Kits would have well passed the hundred, parts wheels, cowls, props, etc, etc by the large box fulls. He didn't like engines, well saying that, I mean real engines, he had nothing over 1.00cc. How many did he have, I have no idea, but he did have eighteen Schlossers and countless miniature engines. What he hated with passion was competition type power models, these were abominations. (FIJ- C or open power)

What happened to Kev's modelling gear, well the engines were sold and the proceeds given to his wife. The kits and parts were given to NSWFFS to sell, with the proceeds going towards the new roof at the AB field. All of Kev's gear was handled by Peter Jackson, his best mate.

Peter had cunningly kept a few engines, and has run a few abomination days in honour of Big Kev. Peter knowing, how much Big Kev hated anything which wasn't scale made up the rules.

1. Model is IC powered and must NOT resemble a full size aircraft.
2. All models must be launched within 30 sec
3. Last model timed to the ground or out of sight wins
4. Peter is in control, and his decision is final
5. That's it, no more rules

Fill the tank, no DT, let go, and hope you are one last down, that's the way to win..

Sunday 7th April saw 7 line up for a chance to win a NIB 0.3 LOLA engine.

Big Kev was watching as we had scattered his ashes over the flying field some years back, no doubt he was looking down and abusing Peter for running such a comp in his name.

The wind direction was good for recovery and all flyers were away in the time allowed. Cunning Terry held back to the last moment but Roy had found some helpful air. Roy was declared the winner landing over near the sports oval, with about a 20 minute flight, Terry followed in with 2nd place, not sure of the other places, a good fun morning. After the prize giving there was coffee, cake and biscuits.

Peter and Big Kev, we thank you very much for a great day.

MAAA Fee Increase: As discussed at the Conference dealt with the MAAA 2019 – 2020 Budget presented by the Treasurer; Gary Pope.

Suffice to say that our membership is generally decreasing each year – mainly through natural attrition - which means less income and the cost of our Insurance is increasing each year.

This past 12 months has seen a number of incidents where the Insurance Company has paid out substantial sums; an example of where the MAAA assists members is of one such expensive incident still under investigation by the insurance company. This involved an IC powered RC model crashing into a property adjacent to a registered flying field and causing a grass fire where damage of over \$1 million is claimed.

As mentioned, the investigation of this incident is continuing however the Insurance Company responsible has not renewed with the MAAA this year; they were apparently also the Insurance Company for ‘Cycling Australia’ – a much larger organization than the MAAA – and have removed their involvement with them also. This information was only passed onto the MAAA a day or two prior to the conference where fees for next year were to be set; it was a last moment tender that was received and had to be accepted and due to the current Insurance climate across all areas the cost of our Insurance policy increased dramatically. In past years the policy has increased approximately \$20k per year this year it is in the vicinity of a \$40k increase and next year we can expect it to go up again.

Our MAAA fees have been \$60 per member for somewhere between 20 and 25 years; this is not in line with any CPI or Cost of Living statistics. In recent years the MAAA has been paying extra on top of your fees (in the 2018-2019 year the actual fee was \$73.79 so the MAAA was propping up the fee members paid by \$13.79). The MAAA also supports our members when traveling overseas to compete in World Championship competitions, aids clubs with the ‘Club Assistance Scheme’, Education, Marketing costs, and assists in the purchase of land to mention but a few of the outgoing expenses. The MAAA utilizes interest gained from various accounts to assist in the support of our members however interest rates are low and the overall bank balance of our funds has reduced due to some of the examples given above. Sustainable Marketing has circulated a Survey to our members annually for the past few years; overall responses to those surveys indicate that most MAAA members want the MAAA to continue providing services to the membership.

Another outgoing expense is the cost of insurance claims; The MAAA does ‘self insure’ our members subsidizing our excess up to \$5k; however in recent years those claims under \$5k have increased – particularly those to vehicles at flying sites.

Taking all the above into consideration the only option the MAAA had was to increase our fees by \$30 per adult member (\$15 per Junior) so that each adult will pay \$90 and Junior \$45 for membership. This is still well below the CPI and Cost of Living statistical data if compared to those figures of 20 – 25 years ago. For example; those that smoke I believe a packet of cigarettes can now cost over \$30, fuel to fill our cars is usually well over \$60 per week for many, costs of food, alcohol etc has all increased substantially – so in consideration of those factors a \$30 increase is reasonable and will assist the MAAA to continue and provide assistance as it has done in the past. Shortly a report from Neil Tank (MAAA President) will be circulated to MAAA members who will also explain the need for an increase in MAAA fees.

Bruce Hoffman President C.L.A.S



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State Association Secretaries.

Open Letter to All MAAA Ordinary Members regarding the future of the MAAA National Championships.

During the past week I have been at the 71st MAAA Nationals which was held across many venues within West Wyalong NSW. This is the second year running that the NSW Free Flight Society has conducted the Nationals with assistance from many members of their own Society, CLAS and ANSW.

Bland Shire Council (West Wyalong) have been and continue to be fully supportive of Aeromodellers in all disciplines and go out of their way to make our events run as smoothly as possible at venues across their town. At the opening Ceremony last week the Mayor, many town Councillors and the Deputy Prime Minister (Mr. Michael McCormack) were present offering what assistance they could to our organisation.

To my knowledge at this time, no MAAA Ordinary Member has placed a 'bid' to hold the 72nd National Championships and it is unreasonable to expect the same Ordinary member to organise the event each year.

There is now only a few weeks until our National Conference in Canberra however I would like each Ordinary member to make urgent inquiries with their membership with a view to ascertaining their interest in making a bid to hold a National Championship in 2020.

The bid does not necessarily need to be made to hold the events in their own State – however if that is the decision that is quite acceptable. If this is not possible however, an option is that the event is again held at West Wyalong. All facilities are there ready for use and any Ordinary member is able to use those facilities with minimal issues being present. The past organisers of the recent Nationals would be glad to assist as are members of the Bland Shire Council.

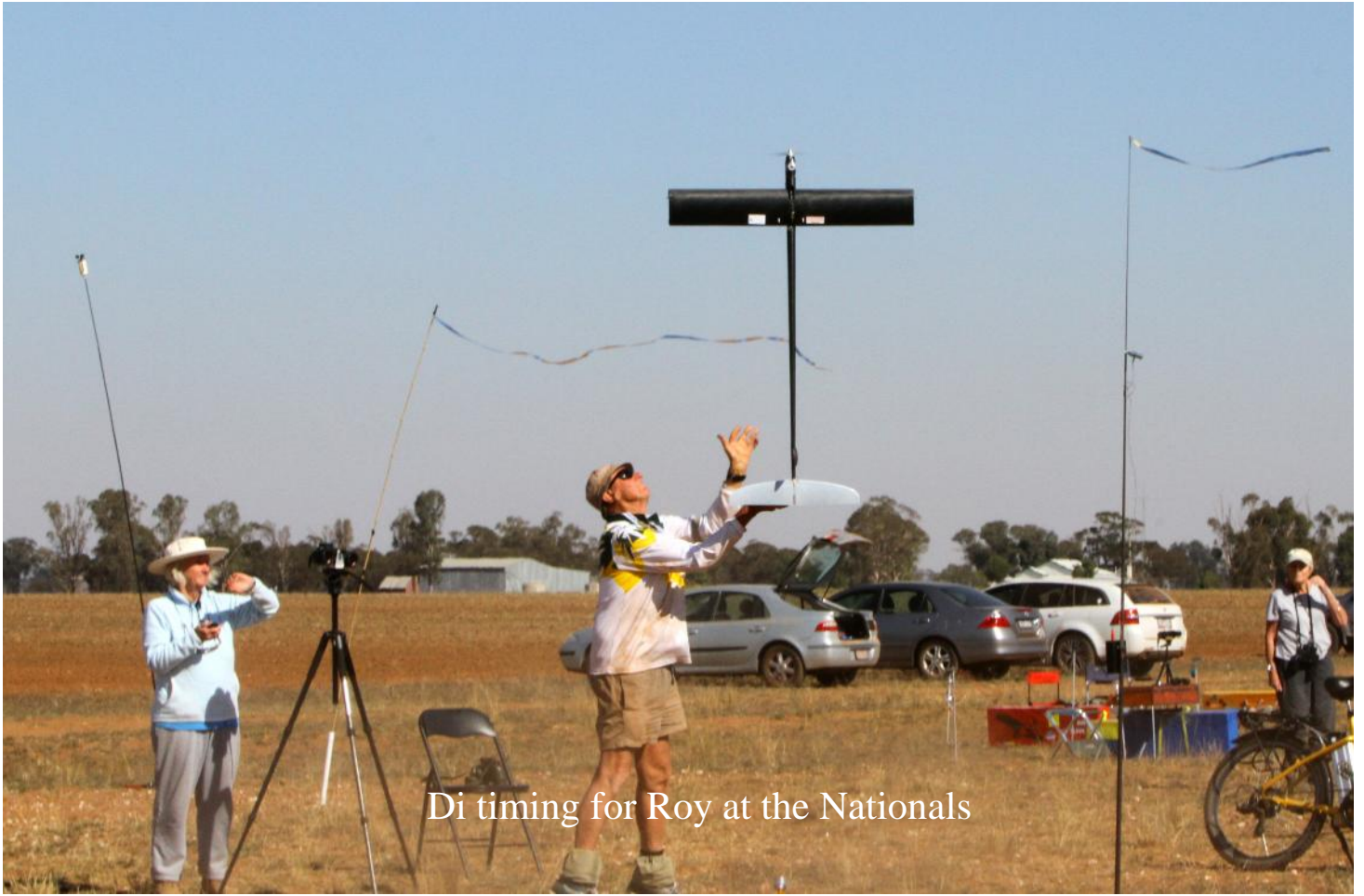
It is understood that some Ordinary members lack membership in various disciplines; if the option is taken to hold an event at West Wyalong the Ordinary member Nationals Committee need only provide an overall Co-ordinator, a Registrar/Treasurer, some assistants as well as Co-ordinators for each main discipline (Free Flight, Control Line and Radio Control) – plus others for the individual disciplines if available. As happened recently the individual SIG's provided CD's, Judges, Time Keepers etc and this would no doubt again be the case.

If no Ordinary Member puts up their hand to make a bid, a Nationals Coordinating Committee may be formed with a representative from each Ordinary Member. The Ordinary member however will have to commit to support the Coordinating Committee

I had many meetings with Mr Jeff Stein of Bland Shire Council (Senior Economic Development & Tourism Advisor) over the past week; he is extremely eager to have Aeromodellers back to the area and has suggested and shown to both me and Tyson Dodd other venues that can be utilised and improved upon for future events.

There were problems at the 70th Nationals concerning RC Heli events (held over a dusty area) and also RC Scale. Mr Stein is now in a better position to understand the needs of many individual disciplines and will assist, enabling those events to be held in the area. Mr Stein has also expressed his wish to attend our Conference this month and will likely be there on the Saturday morning with a presentation outlining the Bland Shire Councils plans for future events and venues.

Bruce Hoffmann
Vice President - MAAA



Di timing for Roy at the Nationals



Mike Towell & Andrew Linwood



Warren Ledbetter launching in F1c



Shannon Tolmie, Roy Summersby & Slava (From Ukraine)



Andrew Heath

Wings over West Wyalong 2019

Friday 25th Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th October 2019

A fun weekend of flying for all. Fly from dawn to after dusk.

Camp on the field in our camping ground and make use of the camp kitchen, showers and toilets. Cost \$10 per head per night. Electricity and water hook up for vans is available.

Fly anything at all, Pulse Jets; to Cox 010s (noise no problem)
FF, CL, RC, BIG and SMALL, bring them ALL to

New South Wales Free Flight Society's,
700 Acre MULTI purpose flying field.
1390 Clear Ridge Rd West Wyalong

Plenty of room for everyone

\$20 registration fee must be paid, BEFORE flying. You MUST have a current MAAA card.
Included in the registration is a ticket for a lucky entry prize, this will be drawn at dinner Saturday night.
The only organized events are Saturday evening
4.30 RC Cabin Scramble ½ hour
5.30pm ½ Hour Campbell Scramble (must walk no running)
Lamb Spit Roast Saturday evening \$20 a head held at the rear of the club house.

Sausage sandwich, tea, coffee & drinks will be available for Saturday lunch.

Camping & Flying Field Rules

Please book through Terry before going SMS 0417027579
Cost \$10 per head per night, no exceptions (children under 15 free)
Facilities include
Showers (hot) and toilets, both male and female,
Camp kitchen, B-B-Q, Microwave, fridges, sink, table and chairs
Power & water both external and in shed.
External dump point for black water.
Entrance Gate must be kept shut unless told otherwise.
All DOGS MUST be on a lead at ALL times (it is a working sheep farm)
No Smoking on the field. (inside the car if you must)
Motorised retrieval may be used on the field.
All your rubbish must to be taken away with you

NSWFFS Contest & Fixture Calendar 2019

Date	Event	Venue	Time	C/D
June 8-11	NSW State Champs F1A, B, C, O/Power ,O/ Rubber+ Victorian States Champs for A,B,C	W. Wyalong A B Field	8.00am-1.00pm	Dave Thomas
June 16	Scale Practice	Richmond	7.00am-1.00pm	Jim Christie
July 6-7	Scale Rally Weekend. Scale comp Sat 7th, Sun 8th ½ Hour scramble, Fun Fly C/L fly- ing & BBQ Lunch	Richmond Saturday BYO Food	7.00am till dark Trans Tasman	Tahn Stowe
July 14	State Champs F1G,H,J (Combined)	Richmond	7.00am-1.00pm	Matt Hannaford
July 19	General Meeting	Dundas Sport	7.30 pm	
Aug 4	Combined %, Multiple Entries.	Richmond	7.00am- 1.00pm	Bruce Hao
Aug 18	Scale Rally, P 30, Combined Vintage	Richmond	7:00am – 1:00pm	Tahn Stowe
Aug 24-25	Cowra Oily Hand Weekend	Cowra		
Sep 8	½ Hour Scramble +Fun Fly B-B-Q Lunch	Richmond BYO Food	7:00am – 1:00pm	John Corby
Sep 20	Annual General Meeting	Dundas Sport	7:30 pm	
Sep 22	Combined % 5 flights	Richmond	7.00am - 1.00pm	Matt Hannaford
Oct 6	Combined % Multiple Entries	Hinton	7:00am – 1:00pm	Gary Goodwin
Oct 25-27	Wings Over West Wyalong All Disciplines FUN FLY	W. Wyalong A.B.Field	7.00am-Till Dark	Plenty of Room for ALL
Nov 10	Bowden comp ROG details to come 1/2 Hour Scramble + Scale rally	Richmond	7:00am – 1:00pm	Peter Jackson
Nov 15	General meeting	Dundas Sport	7.30	
Nov 29	Friday Xmas Party	Richmond	7.00am – 1.00pm	Terry & Lyn
Dec 8	½ Hour Scramble, Combined Vintage with SAMS & Fun Fly.	Richmond BBQ Xmas	7:00am – 1:00pm Lunch BYO	Terry Bond FOOD