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As you will read on page 2, if you don't already know, the field is closed to all activities until further notice. We received the email from the VMAA Secretary Thursday evening. So, until we're given the all clear to open the gate and fly again, stay safe and well. Look after yourself and your families. Build something and send me pictures to put in the newsletter or you'll be hearing about my stuff...

Club meetings are cancelled until further notice, the Shire of Yarra Ranges has closed its facilities.

Newsletter will be online at: -

www.yarravalleyaeromodellers.com.au

VMAA Event Notification

COVID-19 Alert Number 7 Closure of all Victorian Clubs

Hi All

The current public health issues and the recommendations from the State and Federal authorities on allowable and recommended activities are for the wellbeing for all. The virus is a serious matter, and we all need to take appropriate action to help our clubs and communities to win the battle over the long term.

As per Victorian State Government direction <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus> as of midnight 25 March 2020, all social sport-based activity was to cease.

Based on this advice, the VMAA has no choice but in directing all clubs to close until further notice.

If any club member has any concerns with the above, you can contact this office via your club secretary.

Please contact the VMAA Secretary by clicking the following link: Secretary@vmaa.com.au

Safe flying to all

VMAA Committee

Website.

We are in need of a volunteer to maintain our website. It is built using Wordpress if anyone has a good working knowledge, maintenance should not be a problem We update the monthly newsletter and photos from the events we hast at the field. Should you be interested contact Tony Martinico or myself.

VPA Pattern event 18th Jan. 2020.



This has become an annual event at our field and this year attracted 15 entrants across all classes; 3 in Sportsman, 1 in Advanced, 2 in Expert and 8 in F3A and 1 in Masters. Lunch, slow cooked leg of lamb for the carnivores and veggie burgers for the herbivores went down well. The weather was particularly kind to us with warm sunshine and a light variable breeze all day.

Results.

Sportsman – 1st Chris Eeles, 2nd Bill Wheeler, 3rd Greg Maggs

Advanced – 1st Mario Schembri

Expert – 1st David Creed, 2nd Henry Hutchinson

F3A – 1st Artur Uzieblo, 2nd Peter Hill, 3rd Glenn Burgdoff

Masters – 1st Russell Edwards

A note from the MAAA President, Neil Tank.

I write this email to inform you of the MAAA short term plans in respect to managing the organisation during the Covid19 epidemic.

As mentioned in my last email, we are all facing challenges we have never before seen however, if we all work together I am positive the aeromodelling community will get through this and come out the other side stronger.

Because of government guidelines, the MAAA Executive have taken the following action:

- Suspended all face to face meetings of the Executive
- Postponed the annual council conference to a future date
- To ensure the MAAA, Ordinary Members and Clubs are able to continue to function and progress smoothly into the 2020-2021 aeromodelling year, the Executive Council (all state presidents) will meet on the 16th of May, via an internet conference call facility, to discuss items such as:
 - 2020-2021 Insurance submissions
 - Receipt of the Treasurer's Report
 - Items which may affect the budget
 - Acceptance of the 2020-2021 budget
 - Setting of Fees
 - Election of Vice President
 - Awards
 - Club Assistance Scheme
 - Ratification of extension to Instructors Re-qualification course
 - Any other issues deemed appropriate
- All other reports will be considered when we are able to call a face to face full Council Meeting.
- All current Instructor re-qualification courses have been cancelled and the deadline for instructor re-qualification has been extended to 30th June 2021.

It is pleasing to see that Clubs around Australia have adopted similar measures in respect to insisting on social distancing, cancelling events, restricting access to club members only and some even closing their Club. We must all remember we have an aging membership, all within the most infectious age, we must protect each other.

As stated previously, we are living in extraordinary times which require extraordinary measures.

Federal and State Governments are taking these measures and there is no reason why clubs cannot do the same. These include things such as cancelling meetings, events, placing a club into caretaker mode and postponing the AGM until all this is over.

If we all comply with the strict guidelines imposed by the Federal Government, we can continue to fly and enjoy ourselves. We can at the time of writing, still stand out in the open paddock, taking in the fresh air, standing 2 metres apart always and enjoying the flight. If and when we are all isolated to our houses and workshops, we can complete those aeromodelling projects we started many years ago.

Keep in touch with each other over social media and keep posting those photographs.

Please keep safe and look after each other.

Hygiene Reminder

6 SIMPLE STEPS
TO PROTECT YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES FROM CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

While there is no vaccine currently available for Coronavirus, there are simple ways we can all stop it from spreading.

- Keep your distance**
from others if you're sick OR if they're sick. Avoid close contact such as shaking hands, hugging and kissing.
- Stay home from work and school if you are unwell**
Don't go shopping or use public transport until you feel better.
- Wash your hands**
regularly, particularly after going to the toilet, blowing your nose and handling used tissues.
- Cover coughs**
and sneezes with a clean tissue or your elbow.
- Avoid touching**
your eyes, nose and mouth. And don't handle food unless you have washed your hands.
- Wipe down**
frequently touched surfaces like bathroom sinks and kitchen counters.

For the latest information about Coronavirus, refer to the trusted websites below:

SA Health sahealth.sa.gov.au/COVID2019 facebook.com/SAHealth [@SAHealth](https://twitter.com/SAHealth)

Smartraveller smartraveller.gov.au
Australian Government Department of Health health.gov.au

Government of South Australia
SA Health

Best regards,



Dates to note!

I have been receiving regular emails from our VMAA Secretary Joe Finocchiaro. Just about every planned event or fly-in for the coming months has been either cancelled or postponed. We too have postponed our Club Memorial Day that was due to be held next month.

Should things improve anytime soon there will be 3 months this year where our club night will be on the 3rd Monday of the month. Listed below are the dates of every club night this year. I would suggest our club nights for April – June will probably not go ahead either.

- Monday, 27/04/2020
- Monday, 25/05/2020
- Monday, 22/06/2020 – 3rd Monday
- Monday, 27/07/2020
- Monday, 24/08/2020 – 3rd Monday
- Monday, 28/09/2020
- Monday, 26/10/2020
- Monday, 23/11/2020 – 3rd Monday

House Keeping

Ensure every person attending the club field signs in and out of the register book. Remember the last person to leave the field has to check that the clubroom is locked and secure. Lock the front gate on departure.

Clean up after yourself if you use the clubroom facilities, ensure the gas bottle is turned off after use.

Back in the building room...

Daniel's Yak has moved to the garage and been sprayed with primer and rubbed back. My next task on that is to add some filler along the fiberglass fuselage joint as it looks like a bad Airfix kit at-the-moment. Once that's completed a final spray and rub down prior to painting. I have finished off the Ansaldo Balilla refurbishment that was due for a test flight this Saturday, now postponed to later in the year. My big current project is the building of an F3A Pattern plane balsa kit, the NEO Stage from RC Japan. A few of these have been build and are currently flying notably Tom Bloodworth's. I decided to make a fuselage assembly fixture rather than buy their frames. The fixture is 1.8m long with adjustable clamps at the Stage's fuselage frames. By making my own it is flexible

enough that any fuselage can be built using it in the future. More next month or I'll never get this out.



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