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2020 AGM – reiterating what was said last month...

Due to the hall being closed, this year's AGM will be conducted via email. This will take place August 31st. The Committee have deliberated long and hard on this and believe email is the simplest option. We have to hold the AGM within 5 months of the end of our financial year, here is the sequence of events.

- July the financial report for 2019/20 will be emailed out to all members. This will be for your review and deliberation. This can be found on page 9 of this newsletter.
- August newsletter will contain any annual reports e.g. President, Treasurer, C.D. and a copy of the AGM 2019 minutes.
- August 21st email out the AGM info requiring membership feedback to:
 - Vote yes or No on the Committee nominees.
 - Accept/Reject the Annual statement for 2019/20.
 - Vote on nominations for the Holy Cow award.

We still require a quorum to validate the AGM which means we require 20% of the membership to reply.

At the end of this newsletter you will find a Committee Nomination form. As with every year, all positions will be vacant. If you would like to donate some time to the club in an administrative role, please complete a form, have it seconded by a fellow member and return to me by August 1st. None of what we do is difficult, we have calmed the neighbour and have a great landlord and facilities. Give it a try, you might like it...

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

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President's report – Tony Martinico Welcome all to our July President Report for 2020.



Hi all and welcome to our July addition of our newsletter, but sadly this time I have to open up this month's report with learning the sad news that Arthur Green has just recently passed away. On Behalf of the YVA Club committee and all of its members, I'd like send our deepest condolences to Arthur Green's Family and friends.

Unfortunately, as all of you are aware, the field has been shut down again due to the COVID -19 situation. The committee will be meeting on a more regular basis and will keep all members informed on when the field can finally re-open, but as you are aware at this stage the field is closed until at least mid-August. Obviously, all our Club comps and club meetings are still suspended until further notice. It's unfortunate but we are looking

forward to holding these events once this Coronavirus situation is under control and we can return to normality.

Membership renewals are almost complete. Unofficially, we now have a total of 96 members. Not all members have sent in their membership forms, so we are going by what information we have on our current database. We can only update information when we receive it, so if you haven't sent in a new form and you have changed any details, mainly your email address, please inform us now by emailing our secretary Bill Wheeler or you may miss out on newsletters, updated information in regards to the field being open and more importantly the 2020/21 AGM and Election notices and results. By the time you read this notice the membership cards will have already been ordered. Please retain your current white membership card until instructed to use your new cards when received.

Our AGM will be held on August 31st 2020 via email. The minutes to be discussed will be emailed to all current 2020/21 members to read, approve and discuss any issues they may have. If you have any concerns or questions I suggest you start bringing them to our attention now so the committee have an opportunity to respond. As usual, the whole committee will be standing down from their current positions. Personally, I will be running for re-election in my current position as President, as I have thoroughly enjoyed acting in this role, but have the welcomed addition of a challenger; Daniel Wheeler, our current Vice President, who will also run for club president. I believe I still have plenty to offer the members of our club. I may not be as qualified as others, and I have always been a nervous flier, which is why I always fly alone, although I haven't flown at all in the past 6 months. However, I believe I can still assist members by pointing them in the right direction or to the right member to assist them with their requirements. My vision for the club has always been and will continue to be a place of enjoyment and comradeship in the company of likeminded individuals. I believe all members should have fair and equal opportunities to enjoy YVA's fine facilities, and I will continue to act on members' behalf to ensure everyone has input into club decisions, I will ensure that the club is always maintained as a family friendly environment for all to enjoy and would like to reassure all members that I always have their best interests in mind. Acting as President for a club carries huge responsibilities, and I believe I have the leadership skills and knowledge to lead the team of committee members in the right direction to ensure YVA has a long and prosperous future. With the members' blessing I look forward to another year of acting as President in 2020/21 for YVA club and wish Daniel Wheeler all the best in this election and look forward to supporting him if our members so desire. I also believe that all other committee members will be running for their current positions unchallenged except for the position of Registrar, so I will be canvassing for nominees in the next few weeks to fill that position. At this point in time I would like to take the opportunity to thank Steven Dengate for all his efforts in acting as club Registrar to this point and appreciate his offer to still assist the committee as an ordinary member.

Thank you to everyone for their support. Please take care and I look forward to getting back to normality in 2020.

Here's to happy flying and safe landings. Tony Martinico

Vale Arthur Green

Life member Arthur passed away last week. He was a like member of YVA and the artist of the Spitfire picture in our clubhouse. When we changed our name from Croydon Aeromodellers to Yarra Valley Aeromodellers Arthur designed our new club badge we have today. He hadn't been an active flyer for the past few years, after having eye surgery his sight was not so good. Since I joined YVA in 2002 all I know is he constantly draw up build and flew his own scale models up to about 0.60 size. When the model restraint holes were put into the pits the square one there today was for Arthur's table to get his models off the ground. All of Arthur's models flew well, flat out and were all aerobatic. We lost contact with him for a couple of years, but Steve Smith and Ted Wilson had kept in touch and recently provided me with a new address to send the newsletters to. I'm told Arthur was 89. RIP.



2009, Arthur with his electric Camel and with the late Frank Curzon and his Eindecker.

Dates to note!

As you can see below, our next club night isn't likely to be before September. We received an email from the council notifying us they will keep their facilities closed until the end of August. Should this change the Committee will advise.

- **Monday 31st August YVA AGM by email.**
- Monday, 28/09/2020 – Hopefully, club night.
- Monday, 26/10/2020
- **Monday, 23/11/2020 – 3rd Monday of the month!**

Club renewals must be completed by the end of July. If you haven't renewed by then you will no longer be considered a member of YVA Inc. and will not be receiving newsletters from August on.

2020 Holy Cow award.

The 2020 nominees for this prestigious award are, as last month, listed below. They will be included in the August AGM notification for your consideration and vote.

- Tom Bloodworth lost model – fly away.

- Damien Mould flat battery and jump start of his Shock Cub.
- Neil Griffiths, running up his Assassin on his lap.

I have received one email expressing thoughts on the above and nominating Damien for the award. So rather than the Committee decide, it will be down to our membership.

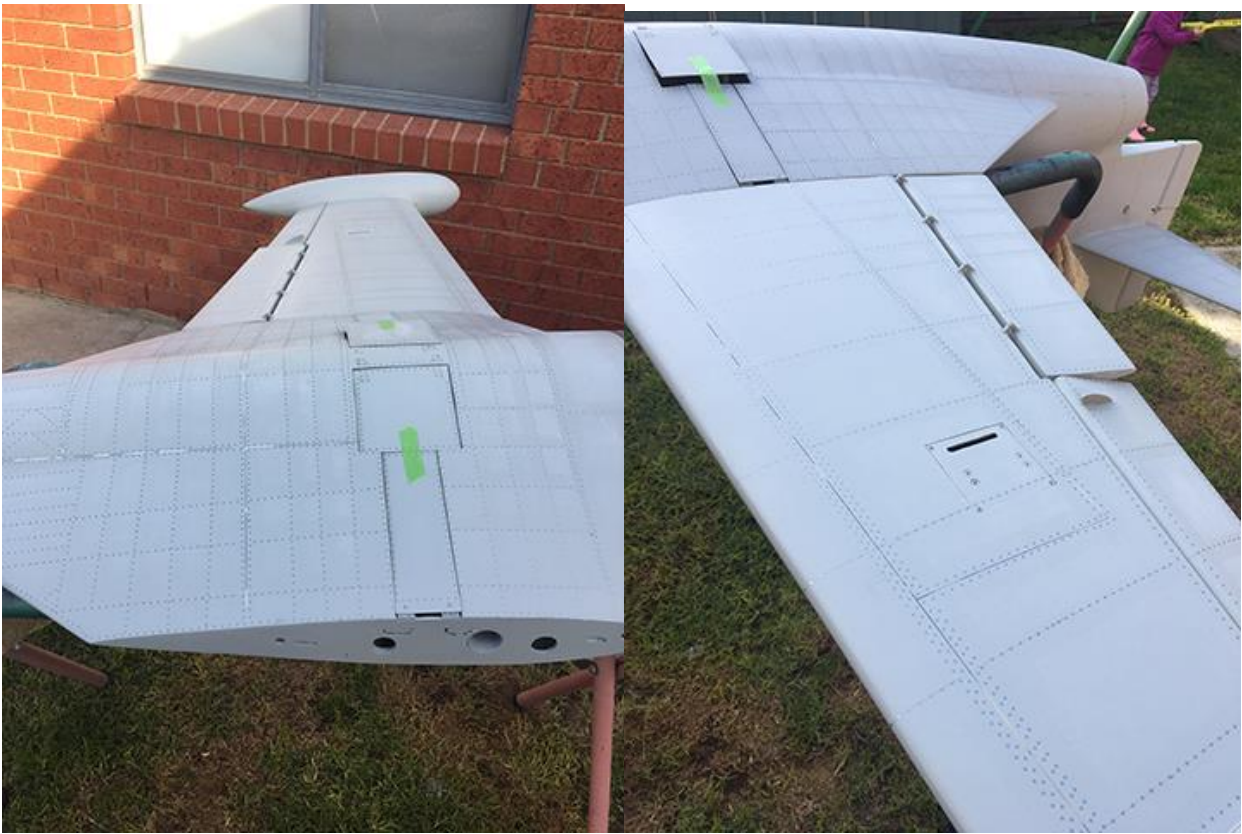
Wanted

Hi All, I have gained a fascination for diesel engines having got one of my Grandad's going. I am looking to start a little collection of these engines so if anyone has some tucked away and is willing to sell them, please give me a call, phone number on page 1. Thank you, Daniel Wheeler.

Back in the building rooms of our far-flung club members...

Mario Schembri has been busy of late, last month he gave us some pictures of his new jet that took to the skies during our minibreak from lockdown. Before he started his Sports jet, he was working on an enlarged Nick Zirolì Grumman Cougar which is now at the detailing stage prior to paint. Here's a few shots of the forward torpedo tubes and rivet detail.





Meanwhile in my building room, I've turned my attention back to the Miles Magister. I keep looking for things to build and thought maybe I should finish the Maggie first. I have cut out the Cockpit doors and made two from aluminium complete with catches and hinges. I also made the rear anti spin fairings for cardboard.



I have a hanger 9 Corsair which has just ticked over 10 years old. I bought a pumped OS90 off RC Trader a few months ago and thought this may be the model to get it going in. There were a few things to fix up on the model the main one being lowering the undercarriage into the wing further and fixing up the damaged cowl. The undercarriage was removed and lowered such that the units no longer protrude; much better, The engine was run up at the field during our brief break from lock down when we were allowed out to play; it goes great! After further procrastination, the cowl was fixed up with balsa fiberglass and car body filler then repainted to the colours of the aircraft gleaned from the internet.



Bailey's Journey in RC modelling

We were about to go into the first lock down, Mario, Dad and myself were talking about sports plane's and suddenly Mario mentioned the Hots. Its very much like a Quock I have and thought I can reduce this and Bailey and myself can build one each. After I printed off half a dozen plans, we were ready. Told dad and Mario and next thing Dads on board and Mario too but down the track.



So, I quickly traced the parts out in AutoCAD and flicked them across to dad to cut out in his laser cutter and we were away. To my surprise Bailey loved it and was really going hard to finish this model. Sadly, deep down I wasn't as excited. I was over building and really wasn't too keen in selling him the dream but I pushed through and soon after his enthusiasm had rubbed off and we were both building these flat out.



Before too long these were ready to cover. This is another job that I wasn't keen on and I ran right into a brick wall but with some words from Dad and Bailey I started to push through and started by covering Bailey's Hots first. You may be wondering why Bailey isn't covering his? I think I have little bit of OCD and I wanted his first built plane to look great, sometimes I have trouble letting go...

So, with 3 of these getting built we have 3 OS 10's but two of them have broken carbys. So, I bought some aftermarket replacements and with a little bit of work they'll fit and the motors will be back in use again



So, with a little bit more covering and around 6 or so weeks left in lock down. We should have two mini Hots, one Diesel mustang and one Quock ready to test fly hopefully in time for better weather.

Generations

We have quite a few father/son combinations in the club and it is great to see! Especially when they are juniors learning to fly. Here's a couple been at the field during our lockdown break.



Daniel and Bailey Wheeler



Ken and Elliott Hardwick

Clubhouse repairs

This is just a quick update on what is being done to maintain the field while we are in lockdown mode. The most recent development has been that GRAHAM JENNER and I have replaced the roof supporting post near the front door of the clubhouse. So A BIG THANKS to him. The problem was that it had rotted at the bottom and was not long for this world. We had talked about doing it before but we did not get around to it till now. CV 19 does have some advantages I suppose apart from getting more model building done and we even managed to get a coat of primer and a coat of the same original colour on it. I have to say it does look really good now.

To date we have still been doing some mowing but the pit area in particular has been very wet and also difficult to keep looking good. I even tried paying special attention to the bit I usually use but that didn't work either. However the last time I went out there I was able to mow everywhere. The pits look a bit like a railway junction, but all is well overall. We will need to deal with the cape weed again soon so I will organise that in due course. The mower has recently been serviced and surprisingly, is still running clean oil which is pleasing to say the least. The other four members of the mowing team, Glenn Dunstan, Ted Wilson, Ken White and Gary Hanger have all been so supportive and we are lucky to have such a dedicated team who work so well together. Thanks guys.

Let us hope it is not too long before we can fly again and enjoy the facility.

Dangerous Dave. GTD and bar



Committee nomination form – 2020 AGM



NOMINATION FORM

We the undersigned, being financial members of the
YARRA VALLEY AEROMODELLERS CLUB Inc.

Hereby nominate.....

For the position of.....

Name of proposer.....

Name of seconder.....

I,.....the person nominated herein accept this
nomination and if elected will abide by the rules of the association.

Signature.....

2019/2020 Financial report from David Nichols Treasurer YVA Inc.

Yarra Valley Aeromodellers club inc

Financial report 2019/2020

Opening balance 1st July 2019

Savings a/c \$12304.22

Statement a/c \$10456.12

Total \$22760.34

Income 2019/2020

\$21939.50

Expenditure 2019/2020

\$ 17628.40

Balance 30th June 2020

Savings a/c \$12731.84

Statement a/c \$15128.15

Total \$27859.99

Please note: There is always considerable balance change during June/July each year due to incoming membership fees and VMAA/MAAA insurance payments. Once this has settled down we will have a more accurate idea of our true position and everything will be updated each month. The club is in good shape and should remain so in the future.

David Nichols. YVA Treasurer.

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