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YARRA VALLEY AEROMODELLERS NEWSLETTER

August 2020

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2020 AGM

Here we go fellow members, this is the AGM newsletter. You will find a copy of last year's AGM minutes within this newsletter. On the AGM voting attachment with this newsletter a yes or no for you to vote that they are a statement as to what happened.

We require a quorum to validate this year's AGM which means 20% of the membership must reply. Please don't leave it to everyone else.

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

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Welcome all to our August AGM newsletter for 2020

Welcome all to our 2020 AGM! As you all should already know for this year, due to the Covid-19 situation we are going to be running our AGM a little differently. We have chosen to hold our AGM election via email as we thought it would be better to get the formalities out of the way so the



committee can go forward and use their time organising positive things for the YVA members. Sadly, since that decision was made, the Covid-19 situation has worsened, and Melbourne metro has gone into stage four lock down. Understandably, this may have left our members frustrated with not being able to use the field to enjoy their sport, and unfortunately there isn't a lot that the committee can do other than keep an eye on the situation and ensure that the field will be made available to all of its members as soon as it's permitted. Membership renewals have been completed and YVA membership cards have been ordered. I'm certain that we will all have our new cards ready to use as soon as we are permitted to use our field.

I'd like to take this opportunity to remind members how important it is to vote at this election, because it's up to you as members to decide who is responsible for running YVA. As you will all be aware, I have a welcomed challenger this year for the 2020/21 AGM elections: Daniel Wheeler is also running for President. It's important for everybody to know that every member over 15 is eligible to vote, and for the President's roll you need to vote for only one of us. Subsequently, vote Yes or No for the other candidates who are running unchallenged for their positions. In order to ensure the voting system is fair and maintains anonymity we have appointed a receiving officer for this election, namely Steve Dengate. Instructions for voting will be provided by email and will include instructions on voting for all committee members. You can email or post your vote back to Steve Dengate.

As soon as practical, the committee will be busy in arranging various events for all of us to enjoy. Specifically, the Haydn Hampson and Frank Curzon Memorial Day and of course our Club memorial day where we engage in some healthy competition focusing on the simplicity of getting out to fly model aeroplanes, and we'll hold a minute's silence in memory of all of our members who have since past. We will also need to attend to the field for some much needed up keep due to our absence to help bring it and the club house back to its pristine condition, so please if you are able to help out with a working bee it will be greatly appreciated. We may even make it a club BBQ day to catch up on the time we have missed. The committee will be in touch with the members advising them when all this will be possible and provide dates and times.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my committee members for all of their efforts in the past year; Daniel Wheeler, our Vice President, for taking charge in organising all of our club events; Bill Wheeler, for his outstanding effort as secretary, providing us with monthly newsletters and ensuring all of our members are kept up to date with what's happening at YVA; David Nichols, our treasurer for looking after the club's finances; Steve Dengate, our registrar, for keeping our database up to date; and Gregory Maggs, for serving as an ordinary committee member. I want to thank all of these people for donating their time to the YVA club and serving on the committee, and as Steve is stepping down as registrar, I especially want to thank him and appreciate all that he has done for the club.

I sincerely hope that I am chosen as your president for 2020/21, as I have thoroughly enjoyed these past three years acting as president, and I believe my values and goals are conducive to a friendly and efficient club where everybody has a say and is heard. Finally, although this year has been tough with the restrictions, I really hope that we can soon congregate as a club and enjoy a Christmas party together while enjoying each other's company and farewelling the year 2020.

Here's to happy flying and safe landings.

Tony Martinico

AGM minutes 2019

VENUE: Red Earth Centre Mooroolbark Date: 29/07/2019

MEETING OPEN: 8:27 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: 22

APOLOGIES: Mario Schembri

VISITORS: 1

PREVIOUS MINUTES: AGM 2018 Read and Accepted Ted Wilson & David Anderson

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES: None.

2019 AGM notes.

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Finally reached a settlement with the Andersons. New club rules have been put in place. The new rules are:

1. All flying 9am to 6pm and Sunset for electrics only during daylight savings.
2. No flying on the last Sunday of the month but the club will host any competition on either a Saturday or Sunday depending on weather conditions. This will be a maximum of 4 events throughout the year. 3.
3. No Flying Good Friday, Easter Sunday or Boxing day.

Bruce had organised some 500 trees? To plant on his property. He has donated the YVA club some 100 trees? to plant along the rear fence along our neighbour's property "The Andersons" to form a barrier in the future. WE the club YVA have offered to pay the entire cost of the new fence to protect the trees which will incorporate the \$500 donation that we make to our host's "The Waters Family"

A working bee is still yet to be organised. The clubhouse still needs to be painted and some minor repairs.

New Sign in book has been introduced at the field, which is working very well and provides the committee with a wealth of information, which we share with our members

We are back at producing monthly newsletters, "Thank You Bill"

We are now holding 4 official club comps per annum.

1. The Haydn Hampson & Frank Curzon Memorial Day.
2. Club Fun day Which we hold a minutes silence for all our members who have since past, Give away great prizes and provide lunch for all of those who attend.
3. Christmas function, which we wish to hold another Fun day comp
4. There isn't a 4th official comp that has been scheduled yet...Requests for nominations from the floor.

Positions.

President	Tony nominated himself, seconded Roger Eggelton
Vice President	Bill Wheeler nominated Daniel Wheeler, seconded Mario Schembri
Secretary	Dave Nichols nominated Bill Wheeler, seconded Daniel Wheeler
Treasurer	Daniel Goudge nominated himself, seconded by Daniel Wheeler
Registrar	Steve Dengate nominated himself, seconded by Roger Eggelton
Editor	Roger Eggelton nominated Tim deHaan, seconded by Bill Wheeler
Ordinary members	David Hipperson and Greg Maggs happy to stand again, seconded by Daniel Wheeler & David Nichols

Closed 8:38pm

Secretary/Public officer/Editor's report

A Secretary I'm not usually given to writing annual reports, but this year has not been like any other. There's not much to report on as Secretary, we hold a Committee meeting, record the minutes and that's about it. We haven't made any earth-shattering decisions over the past year, the Christmas function was brilliant; well attended and a fun afternoon for the kids. The VPA pattern event January was also well attended and perfect weather.

As Public Officer I pay Consumer Affairs Victoria lodging our annual statement; how many members, how many shekels we have and that's it. This is why as many of you as possible need to support the AGM vote. If we do not get a quorum, we cannot lodge our annual statement. We can hold our AGM within 4 months of the end of our financial year, which we're doing, without having to apply for an extension. If we do not get a quorum respond, we cannot lodge with Consumer Affairs and will have to apply for an extension and do it all again.

As Editor for me with what has transpired this year, the newsletter has been the only thing left highlighting the fact we have a club. A big thank you to the few who have contributed to the newsletter giving an insight to their modelling activities. I see plenty posted on Social media that would be most welcome in the pages of this humble newsletter. I have added my own endeavours to pad out the pages a bit but more is always welcome whatever it is – FPV laps around the house and garden, flying indoors, flying around the back yard, building a ¼ scale Fokker DVII, building a 1/6th scale Spitfire, just a few words and smart phone pics would be great. I currently have 3 projects on the go which I continually update you all on, what about sharing what you're doing?

The brief break from lockup we had during winter to get out and enjoy flying and socialising was good but seems a distant memory now. All competitions and fly-ins have been cancelled thus far and being unable to travel interstate means the VPA Competition scheduled for early October in Albury is probably a no-go too. Hopefully 2021 will be better.

Vice President report

This year started out looking to be a great year and we were planning on building on a successful club Memorial Day. As well as building on another successful Haydn and Frank Scale rally, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it's all been put on hold along with our flying. These events will be rescheduled once we're allowed out to fly again in groups more than 10. While Christmas seems a while away, hopefully, we can run the club Christmas party this year. But this year I have decided to make the step up from Vice President and run for President, with my focus being on building the club spirit and the club community while being present at the club to keep in touch with our members. The club has been built on friendship, confidence and helps all for our members all whilst enjoying flying our sport/hobby planes. I want to build on the club community and hopefully give the club the spark that has been missing for a while.

Dates to note!

- **Monday 31st August YVA AGM responses by email or post due back.**
- Monday, 28/09/2020 – probably not club night.
- Monday, 26/10/2020
- **Monday, 23/11/2020 – 3rd Monday of the month!**

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. (not too sure we should be condoning lack of safety...)

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

Nothing to report this month, been busy cutting vinyl and wood out.

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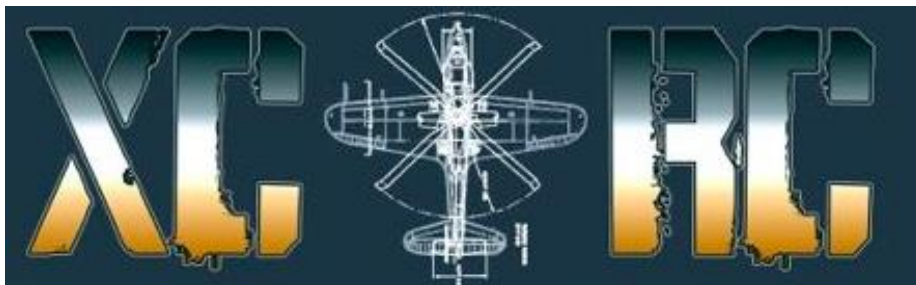


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