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### Announcement.

Just when you think things are going swimmingly, we will be out of lock-up, flying enjoying the big outdoors, you come to a fork in the road. Things appear on the horizon that need to be dealt with that you never contemplated. Late September, she who must be obeyed spent a week in hospital with a respiratory disorder. Her Doctor, after her release, said that things will degrade over time but could be slowed by warmer climates during the winter months. Over the next couple of weeks discussions revolved around spending the winter in Queensland each year, living in our caravan. This progressed to Jacky showing me Real Estate that looked promising in an area she would be prepared to live. This is where we are at today. Our house will be going on the market, should be when you read this, and we will move to the sunshine state once it is sold.

We were in Tin Can Bay March last year for the F3A Trans Tasmin against NZ; this is where we are heading back to. Having tentatively agreed to do this, we told our 'kids' Leanne and Daniel. Leanne is happy how life is for her and her family, Daniel told his wife and children of our decision and after some discussion there... they are moving too, aiming to be there mid-January to settle a little in time for

the start of the new school year. This leaves us with a couple of vacancies to be filled in the new year. After the trials and tribulations of our late AGM which happened just after my wife came out of hospital, we need to find a couple of very enthusiastic members to pick up the reins. Over the next few months if anyone feels being a Committee member is something they would like to undertake, please talk to any of the Committee and we will welcome you with open arms.

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

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## Welcome all to our October newsletter.

Welcome everyone.

As I sit here writing this, we have just had some exciting news that Victoria is starting to open back up. Hopefully, we will not have to use a flying schedule too much longer.

Before you read my President report, I have some more news for you. The family and I are moving to Queensland. This is not something that was planned or even on the table to be

discussed, but with my parents moving due to my mums health, I'm lucky enough to be in a position where my wife's business can be run in Queensland. The kids are young enough to move schools without too much impact and I am lucky enough to be able to work from home.

Us as a committee will keep working towards some of the things we have already started to implement, up until I leave. During this time, we will figure out a succession plan. For everyone who is disappointed and who voted for me, I apologise as the move was not on the radar. Had I known this was going to happen I wouldn't have run for the position of President.

With November 8th announcement from the Government hopefully, opening the state up more, we can plan for a camp weekend at the field and the Christmas party. Looking forward to catching up soon at the field for a fly.

Regards,  
Daniel Wheeler  
YVA President

## Dates to note!

- 26/10/20 the field opened again 🕒 all be it for 2 households at a time.

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

### Me

Some time ago Daniel gave me a Yak 55 to finish off for him. This has moved very slowly as I tried to fit it in with the Avro Avian, then the Miles Magister and the NEO Stage. The problem is progress slows down as I move from one project to the next. I decided to stop all work on the Magister and Stage and get on and complete the Yak. I have a little business creating paint stencils and vinyl stickers which is moving along quite nicely and found myself having to make some stencils for the Yak. This is my first real attempt at doing this sort of thing for myself. All previous models bar the Avion and a Mick Reeves Fournier (some 30 years ago) have been hand painted. I have a spray gun that came with the compressor and used it to fill, prime and undercoat the model. I bought, for the Avian, a smaller touch up gun from Supercheap which along with my

HobbyKing Airbrush has worked well in spraying this model. The biggest piece of the puzzle has been figuring out what colours to paint when to minimise paint build up. I use Metamark vinyl which comes in two colours for stencils; a blue for “rough” surfaces e.g. fabric covered and yellow for “smooth” surfaces. I Googled the sponsors shown on the full size (Sukhoi), fluffed around in photoshop to clean the up the jpg files then imported them into VinylMaster to size and cut the stencils. After doing some online research re masking tape, I settled on OTTO Washi tape from Officeworks. This tape is paper, quite thin and transparent. It gives a beautiful edge and does not peel any previously applied paint when removed due to being low tack. It can also remain in place quite a while with no tendency to peel or curl. But, as they say, the proof of the pudding is in the eating...

Here’s a few progress shots of the wings.



Model with white undercoat to make the colours pop. Stencils ready...



Black was applied first. Fortis mask was applied to the L/E then the wing masked and the black sprayed. Once the paint had dried the mask was removed to reveal the white.



Black leading edge masked using the Washi tape the masked off with paper. The centre of the wing is to remain white so that was also masked off before applying the red and orange.



All masking removed, I had to add the REPSOL over the white. The height of the stencil was cut to fit neatly between the Orange and Red and aid alignment.

Paper hid the red and orange while the blue was sprayed over the REPSOL stencil. It actually took a few coats of Blue to give it a solid look. As can be seen from the picture the blue can still be seen through at this point. The process was repeated to both sides of both wing panels.





Wing panels completed, same both top and bottom, feeling chuffed with myself. One thing I had not noticed but my wife did, the red crosses the ailerons at different positions. Rookie.

The paints are auto acrylics from Eastern Auto Paints in Bayswater. The mix I used is 60/40 thinners to paint. Next month, the fuselage.

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