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YARRA VALLEY AEROMODELLERS NEWSLETTER

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Looking more like a local council crew than club volunteers, repairs to the road down to the strip were never-the-less completed by at least Fernando.



The next general meeting is Monday 26th April 2021  
8:00pm – Red Earth Centre Mooroolbark

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## **President's report – Fernando Monge** Welcome all to our April newsletter for 2021.

Well, we have been a bit busy all around. Please see the note below from our Working Bee coordinator. A big thank you to all who attended. It was a very productive day and we got a lot done. By the way, I have never seen anybody so happy as Graham Jenner with a brush-cutter! After the main works were done for the day and the workers had been fed, we broke up and had a few flights all around. Nothing like a bit of fun to close off a good day's worth of work.

Last month we started up our club nights again and we had a lovely time even though we only had a very limited group show up. We hope this Monday we will see more familiar faces. Remember we always have a raffle and this time we have been threatened with some very interesting show and tell material (Mel – our secretary – is going to be showing off her F4H model). I also heard there would be a light supper provided!

The field is looking 100% and the weather has favoured it significantly. Make sure you get out there and take advantage of the excellent conditions. We want to make sure we are utilising our field as much as possible.

A reminder about club safety, about not flying on the last Sunday of the month and always sign in and sign out.

That's all for now. I expect to see most of you Monday night! Safe flying.

### [Working Bee 17/4/21.](#)

Our working bee on Saturday 17th achieved all we wanted with the car park sprayed, surrounds slashed, and driveway resurfaced. We are greatly indebted to Bruce Waters with his tractor/grader and neighbour Paul with his tip truck. We were kept busy with rakes and shovels levelling and removing the larger chunks followed by much grading and then rolling by Dangerous Dave. Peter Drayton (with Ken's assistance) then treated us to a delicious bbq feast. Thanks also to Dave's wife Liz for the sweets.

Graham Jenner

### A Note from the Working Bee coordinator – Dangermouse

The working bee went very well and we did manage to get the entire road done, that being around 70% more than I thought we could achieve in one day. Bruce provided his tractor and bucket, plus the use of a neighbour's tipper truck and with the available crew of 7 member volunteers we were able to spread gravel and rocks all along the entry road. A BIG thank you from me to everybody who attended.

The BBQ organised by our catering officer (Peter Drayton) went down very well and everybody appreciated a good feed at lunch time.

I did a deal with Bruce in relation to the gravel and machinery and that turned out to be a very amicable arrangement and it also cost a lot less than normal in terms of material and hard labour.

Bruce was more than happy at the end of the day as he wanted the job done anyway, so the whole project was well worthwhile and of benefit to all. The road is still a little bumpy on the last 50 metres or so towards the clubhouse, but the level is no longer cockeyed like it was. I would dearly love somebody to complain about this bit so I can then administer some verbal remonstrations about their absence on the day and hand them a shovel and rake!

Job well done!

## Dates to remember

28AP – 02MY – Giant Scale Fly-in Tin Can Bay QLD

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> May – VMAA Trophy

## Tin Can Bay detached flight.

Life continues to be GREAT up here in Queensland. Building of models has ceased for a bit while we wait for sheds to be constructed in our respective back yards. Repairs and maintenance take place in my garage as needs arise.

Daniel and I have taken part in 2 pattern events conducted by the QPA and hosted by the Tin Can Bay Club, Feb, and 4 hours down the road at Toowoomba, April. All QPA events are back-to-back one day competitions. This means there is a possibility of earning 2 promotion points per weekend.

Tin Can Bay was well supported by around 18 competitors with Saturday being flown between the drizzle showers in the morning until everyone gave up and flew while it drizzled. Sunday was much better weather, no drizzle. We have an Expert pilot up here Haitao (Mark) Hu who has designed and built his own contra drive and now markets them. Daniel has decided to swap out his Avdarun for Mark's version. He has also modified his Eternity to the incident settings Mark flies on his Eternity II. This has resulted in Daniel's model being more responsive and now stalls and spins far more easily than it did previously.

Daniel's Eternity, right. Below Mark Hu's Eternity II with his own design Contra. Below right, the man himself conducting the flight line through Saturday's drizzle.



Junior has also picked himself up an IMAC model. A 2.5m Extra 300 powered by an 80cc twin. While undergoing its heavy model certification flight the Canopy came off landing outside of the field in the undergrowth to the North of our field. Our search Monday morning at 6:00am, with me sporting wellies, jeans and a long-sleeved shirt came to no avail. The undergrowth was waist high in places and I have no idea of what lives in there hence the attire and walking around with arms folded. As I searched, Daniel overflew the area with his drone but as the canopy went in nose first it would not be too easy to see from above. A new canopy was requisitioned from Desert Aircraft and that's now fitted awaiting a new certification flight.



MAAQ President and previous owner of the Extra 300 Michael Hobson goes through the model's set-up and characteristics with Daniel via an engine run up prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> flight. The greenery behind them became home to the canopy shortly after.

Toowoomba's two one day comps didn't see quite the numbers that supported Tin Can Bay but 13 pilots Saturday and 11 Sunday flew in glorious weather. Situated

about 20 minutes out of Toowoomba, the field is open and flat but unfortunately flying there will only be until the end of September. The landowner will not be renewing the club's lease. As can be seen below, the club has a lot of infra structure to move should they procure a new field.



This coming weekend we will be hosting a Mammoth Scale event that runs from Thursday through to Sunday inclusive. This will be our first experience of this event which is a major fund raiser for the club and attracts Scale model owners from most parts of the state. We will be welcoming one interstate visitor too with fellow YVA member Mario Schembri making his way up here with his good wife Evie and their youngest two girls. With Pizza supplied for dinner Friday evening this is looking to be a great event! Except, the forecast is for rain... 😞 but it's only a 70% chance 😊.

On that note, it's time for me to sign off as Editor as the club here has asked that I consider the role as Secretary from this coming June and there's handover period. Take care, happy landings.

Bill

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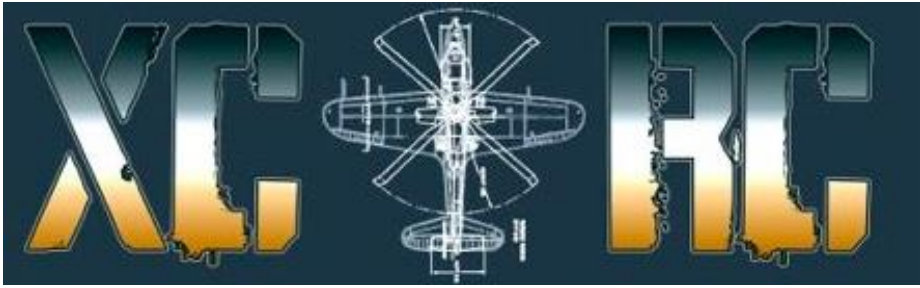
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