



# Airwaves

**Sports Aeromodellers Association Moreton Bay Region**

**Newsletter - August 2019**

## **President's Report**

Dear Members,

Welcome to this month's edition of Airwaves. At the last club meeting we were due to hold the AGM which included the election of the committee for next year. However, as we had not followed due process leading up to the AGM, I have held the AGM back until the next club meeting. The AGM will now be held on **Saturday the 7th of September at Sid Bray field at 10.30am.**

Our 2019 Air show is almost upon us and the committee is calling on support from the members to help with the logistics on the day. We have a number of visiting pilots and members who will be performing on the day, and it will be a success if we can all contribute in some way. If you are able to assist please contact one of the club's committee members and I am confident we can find a task that will fit your skills and availability.

As mentioned at the last club meeting, information was provided about the potential move of the horses in the adjoining paddocks at Sid Bray field. At this stage it looks like they will be moving by the end of August. Once they have been moved, we intend to leave the gates open when members are at the field, and hopefully this will make it easier for members to move in and out of the field.

We have recently had a number of MAAA members visit or club and fly at our fields, and it is a timely reminder that for any and every MAAA visitor who wishes to fly at our sites, they are required to sign into our visitors book, and register their current accreditation details. Similarly when we visit other fields, we should also be signing that clubs book, and making sure we follow their local By-Laws. You just never know who maybe looking or checking on you.

Lastly but not least, this time of year is possibly the best time of year to fly, light winds (mostly) clear blue skies and comfortable temperatures—so hopefully you are out there make the most of it and enjoying the unrivalled facilities our club has.

And I look forward to seeing you enjoying our club soon.

Greg Petherick .

## Read Airwaves. Check your emails. Check the Club website

There are members who sometimes ask when the next meeting is or where is the AGM being held?

The club website and Facebook page lists many of these details. Airwaves contains a calendar of events on the last page.

Dates are usually published well in advance for all to read. Last minute emails are often sent out to jog peoples' memories of forthcoming activities etc. It's not difficult to keep abreast of upcoming activities, so hopefully this reminder will give some information to be able to stay informed.

If you also want to plan an activity, then please get in contact with the committee and they will be happy to promote the event as well.

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### Notes from the Meeting Saturday 3rd August

25 members were in attendance.

There was one new member, Don. Welcome to the club.

Apologies received from Tatts and Andrew Holloway.

Pascal has been kind enough to organise 4 loads of gravel for the driveway at Uhlmann Rd.

Plan underway to link the two water tanks at Jim Gibson field and use the newly acquired water pump to water the strip and other areas as required.

Crushed concrete is to be delivered to fill in low lying areas subject to flooding.

Club By-Laws need to be understood by member to support actions when needed

Treasurer is preparing the books to be audited.

The AGM originally intended for Saturday 3rd August has been deferred until 10.30am Saturday 7th September. On Monday 5th August an email to all members has been sent out with attachments for a Committee position and Proxy Form.



# Model Aircraft

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**New Opening Times**

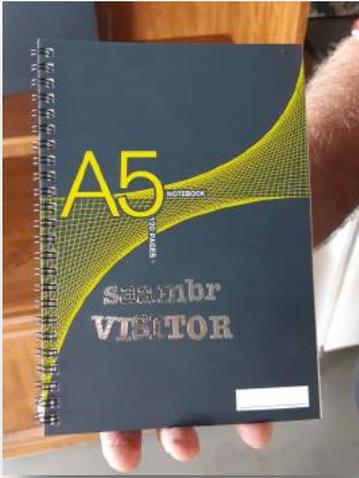
**Monday to Friday**

**8:30am - 5:30pm**

**Saturday**

**8:00am to 12:30pm**

## New Sign-On Visitors Book at Sid Bray



This is what the new one looks like and it's located in the cabinet underneath the TV set.

It is requested visiting flyers from other MAAA clubs sign this and produce their ID.

If they don't have it and you hear "Oh bother I left it at home" or some other excuse, then hard luck. The "she'll be right" attitude isn't acceptable. How do we know they're a MAAA member? They can't fly, simple as that. All we need is one disaster and it would hit the fan.

Earlier this year a man with his son came to the field to fly their drone. They weren't club members and didn't belong to any other club. One of our members allowed them to fly in the heli area because "*they wanted to try it out*" without receiving any instruction or seeking details to join the club. They should have been told they weren't allowed to fly.



It's necessary to understand the difference between someone like this who comes to fly their own aircraft and someone who is a "bona fide" prospective member visiting to assess our facilities and amenities to decide if they would like to join. You will find clarification on the MAAA website in MOP 042.

<https://www.maaa.asn.au/images/pdfs/mops/MOP042-Policy-VISITOR-INSURANCE.pdf>

QUOTE: (in part). "The current MAAA Third Party Insurance Policy provides coverage to "bona fide" visitors Honorary Members as well Education Visitors. This is to allow prospective members to attend/visit a club to assess their facilities and decide if they would like to join. It is not intended to cover non-members.

This Policy allows a visitor to be given instruction on flying their model aircraft. Visitors abiding by this policy will be subject to the coverage of the MAAA Third Party Public Liability insurance policy without cost. "



## Jim Gibson Working Bee Sunday 30th June



Rain came at the right time on Saturday the day before and flooded low-lying areas highlighting places which needed filling in with gravel. Plenty of members turned up armed with spades, shovels, whackers and a good sense of humour.

The ground was quite soft in places and the tractor was put to good use rescuing a bogged vehicle. Gumboots and stout footwear showed experienced members knew what they were doing.



Someone who will remain nameless found things hard going and took advantage of the "Council Recliner".

Whilst some members placed gravel up the road a few of the others painted the nuts and bolts holding the pit roof together with galvanized paint to stop any rusting.

President Greg was kind enough to bring a good supply of bacon, eggs, sausages and bread rolls to feed the hungry workers which was greatly appreciated.



Hot coffee followed for those that wanted it.

It was noted he nicked off just in



time to avoid doing the dishes and cleaning up the BBQ.



Paddy stood at the bar getting smashed trying to work out why his sister has four brothers and he only had three.

## Brand New Mower Purchased

This was purchased after receiving a grant of \$14,000 from the Gaming Commission which means the old Kubota can be pensioned off.

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## Ewan Hutchison Makes Donation

At a previous airshow master leather craftsman, Ewan Hutchison was kind enough to donate several brand new handcrafted leather jackets to be raffled. He has kindly done the same again for the upcoming Father's Day airshow to help boost the club's coffers.

If you haven't seen these beautiful jackets they are top quality and worth hundreds of dollars at retail price. Many thanks Ewan.

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## Incase You Hadn't Noticed The Notice

Someone thought it a good idea to renovate this important safety sign. With the MAAA assigning a Security Officer to do the rounds of clubs it serves everyone to be more aware of safety and especially the importance of keeping visitors safe.

This sign clearly gets the message across.

A person from CASA recently visited a club in the Brisbane area and found a number of visiting MAAA members had not signed the visitors book. All clubs need to tighten up in this area .



(Next Airwaves will be in October. Deadline for material is the 15th of the month but does not guarantee inclusion.)

## From SAAMBR By-Laws (in part)

SAAMBR adopts the MAAA manual of procedures. A copy of the MAAA manual is located within the club house libraries.

### Safety for Members and Visitors

- a. All members and their visitors must conduct themselves in a polite and courteous manner whilst on club property, and abide by the club's by-laws
- b. Models must be operated in a safe responsible manner at all times
- c. **Only persons flying, being instructed or otherwise directly involved with a particular flight including one parent or guardian of a junior member are to be in the pilot area**
- d. **Only authorised persons such as members, invited visitors or supervisor of a junior member are to be within the pit areas**
- e. All junior members (non-adult) must be supervised by a parent or guardian whilst on they are on property which is under SAAMBR control
- f. All controlled take-off and landings must be conducted from designated mown runways. Take-offs are not allowed from taxiways or other areas except for bungee or winch launches which would necessitate a take-off into wind
- g. Pilots must have the concurrence of the other pilots in the pilot area before entering a runway or commencing a take-off or a hand launch
- h. Whilst flying the model the pilot must announce his intentions such as, landing, touch and go, conducting a low pass or any other unusual manoeuvre such as a dead stick landing which may require the other pilots to take particular care or give way to the model in difficulties
- i. Flying boundaries must be strictly observed
- j. All transmitters on 29, 36, 40Mhz frequencies must be placed in the transmitter pound as soon as possible after arrival at the field. Transmitters must not be activated or removed from the pound unless an approved key has been placed in the correct slot in the keyboard or the owner is leaving the field. The frequency key must clearly bear the Frequency, name and phone number of the modeller
- k. All transmitters must have the yearly marker tape attached to the transmitter to indicate that the member is financial and is insured
- l. Only approved 2.4Ghz transmitters are permitted to be used without a current bandwidth testing certificate. All other frequencies must have a current bandwidth testing certificate
- m. No 27 Mhz or Infra-Red (IR) transmitters are permitted to be used
- n. Visiting pilots must be made aware of these By-Laws and be signed into the visitor's book by a current club member. The visiting member must have a current MAAA affiliated licence as proof of insurance
- o. All pilots must comply with all MAAA MOPs and Civil Aviation Safety Regulations with reference to model aircraft, Multi rotors or RPA's. For current regulations visit the MAAA and or CASA websites.

**Members are advised to read the club By-Laws and familiarise themselves with the rules.**

[http://www.saambr.asn.au/content/pdf\\_s/bylaws.pdf](http://www.saambr.asn.au/content/pdf_s/bylaws.pdf)

## Club Meeting Jim Gibson Field 6th July

President Greg has been busy 'thrusting and probing in the marketplace' and liaising with MBRC to discuss various issues. 34 members attended in spite of the cooler weather. There were two new members, one re-joined after a few years absence and another from the Coolum Club.

As an observation we have over 200 members but only a small number attend club meetings on a regular basis. Same with working bees. It would be nice to see some new faces ( and hear some new jokes).

When members voted for either AMAS or MAAA a few years back there were around 106 in attendance. So it's not whether you can or cannot attend but whether you want to or not which is rather disappointing, so come on boys, get involved and have your say rather than grumbling about various issues around the tables. Participants get more out of life than spectators.

**Gordon Grant** presented **Graham Tattersall** with the **Perpetual Service Award** for his outstanding contribution to the club. **Tatts**, and others, put in a lot of time and effort into keeping things running smoothly which goes unnoticed by many. It's easy to take things for granted and expect others to carry the weight, so many thanks **Tatts**.



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## Sid Bray Security Cameras get serviced

Security cameras are working perfectly and capturing clear images. The four images clearly shows the club interior and a snap-shot of two members heavily engrossed in reading Airwaves.



## Events Calendar 2019

- August** Saturday 24th Sid Bray night fly  
Sunday 25th Working bee Sid Bray  
Sunday 25th FPV racing Jim Gibson field
- September** **Sunday 1st . Airshow Jim Gibson field.**  
**7th SAAMBR AGM 10.30am Sid Bray.**  
7th-8th Warialda NSW Fun Fly  
14th-15th Shepparton Vic Mammoth
- October** 5th Qld Pattern Flyers Jim Gibson Field  
6th Bairnsdale Vic Fly-in  
20th Gold Cup Scanner Challenge Warwick  
26th-02 November Norfolk Island fly-in  
18th Warbirds Over Coffs Harbour NSW
- December - 7th Club Christmas party Jim Gibson field.**

### Southern Cross Airforce Dates

- Aug** 17th Phoenix. Tom Markwell 0400 449 875  
**Sep** 21-22nd SAAMBR. Bill Sharpe 07 5496 6870  
**Oct** 26-27th Maryborough. Neil Brockley  
0417 071 056

[Check relevant websites for further information](#)

## NEXT WORKING BEE SID BRAY FIELD

**SUNDAY 25TH AUGUST**

Sign on book gets taken away 0830

## Next Meeting.

**When:** Saturday 7th September  
**Where:** Sid Bray Field Elizabeth Rd Griffin.  
**Time:** 10.30am.

**This is the AGM. Please make an effort to attend.**

**Committee Nomination and Proxy Forms have already been sent out to members by email. If you havn't received it see a committee member.**



## SAAMBR

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