



Airwaves

Sports Aeromodellers Association Moreton Bay Region

Monthly Newsletter - June 2016

From the President's desk June 2016.

The flying fields are looking good and with the recent heavy rain the ground has had a nice wetting to carry us through winter. It was surprising just how fast the water disappeared and this shows just how dry it really has been.

The August elections are quickly approaching so if you would like to be one of the club administrators now is the time to get your nomination in. With your nomination we would suggest you give a short resume on what you have in mind to further benefit the club as a whole. This will allow the members to make a reasoned choice.

You will by now have received your renewal notices for annual fees. Please be aware they must be paid by June 30th or you will not be insured and therefore not allowed to fly. Be also aware that there is a late payment fee. DO NOT say you have not been advised. The treasurer will be available to accept payment at the June meeting.

On the renewal notice there is information concerning who cheques should be made payable to. **If you make your cheque payable to "SAAMBR" the bank will NOT accept it and neither will we.**

It must be made payable to "**Sports Aeromodellers Association Moreton Bay Region**". This is a bank requirement.

The June meeting is on the 24th. So make an attempt to be at this meeting as there are numerous important matters to be discussed.

The new lease is being drawn up by council and in several discussions I have had with council officers there will be a few changes. At the moment I am attempting to have a few things al-

Next Meeting
Friday 24th June 7.30pm
Community Hall
Cnr Todd & Ellis Sts.
LAWNTON
7.30PM

tered in our favour. So far I have been able to ensure that the council will be responsible maintenance of all the leased area except for that which is currently being used by us such as parking areas , club house, runways , pit areas fences etc. This will be written into the new lease.

The current expired lease held us responsible for this. This took quite a few discussions and the legal people in council are drafting the new lease. It is to be hoped that the lease will be available by the end of the month.

Fire safety and mosquito spraying aircraft are some of the matters to be discussed by the members at the June meeting. Council have suggested certain procedures however they would not be practical or workable. I have pointed this out to council.



On a lighter note. Take note Ian. You will or should have noticed that we are using Hobby King Windsocks. They are under trial at the moment to ascertain their working life. So far results look good. My wife is reluctant to make any more windsocks as she has done up until now. The cost effectiveness with the HK socks is also favourable. The Sunday “ BYO” BBQ’s at Brays Road are quite popular and the BBQ has been modified to further improve the cooking. Thanks to those involved with this.

GET YOUR FEES PAID NOW. Happy flying.

Bazza.

Origin of the windsock

Windsocks originally come from Japan and China and were made from paper and silk. In Japan it often signified the birth of a child, especially a boy. In Roman times they were used in military banners. They often come in different shapes and colours but predominantly orange.

They are used to signify wind and speed direction and used in harbours to assist ships berthing and at sea as Sea Anchors in rough seas as well as airports

Sometimes they are used by chemical plants where there is risk of a gas leak.

At night they are often illuminated for easy spotting.

But where does these sayings come from,..“ Put a sock in it.”, “Sock it to me baby”, “Zip it or I’ll sock you one!”



Model Aeronautical Association Australia

(June 8th 1.10pm)

Dear Members,

Complaint to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC)

The MAAA Executive recently became aware of a complaint lodged by the Australian Miniature Aerosports Society Inc. (AMAS) to the ACCC alleging certain conduct of the MAAA to be in breach of Commonwealth competition legislation. The ACCC is the national competition regulator and is responsible for ensuring that individuals and businesses comply with Australia competition, fair trading and consumer protection laws.

On becoming aware of this complaint, the MAAA Executive immediately sought legal advice to clarify whether the MAAA, its Clubs or any of the Manual of Procedures (MOPs) documents are in breach of relevant competition legislation.

In the interests of providing full disclosure and communication to MAAA Members, the MAAA Executive confirms that the legal advice provided to the MAAA states that, subject to Clubs and Affiliate Members complying with the MOPs, no infringement of relevant competition law provisions has taken place.

Complaint:

The complaint against the MAAA alleges that it has breached the 'exclusive dealing' provisions of the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (Cth).

Evidence cited by the complaint in support of this allegation includes that MAAA policies expressly state that Clubs must not accept members who are also members of a competitive association such as the AMAS. The complaint also alleges that the MAAA has dictated to Clubs to refuse the membership applications of individuals who may be members of other associations.

The remedy sought in the complaint is the prevention of the MAAA and its affiliates from requiring that individuals and Clubs not associate with competitors such as the AMAS.

Current MAAA policies

The MAAA 'Policy on Non-Members' dated 17 May 2015 sets out at paragraphs 4(b) and (c):

"4(b) All Clubs that affiliate with the MAAA must ensure that all flying members of the Club are Affiliate members of the MAAA"

"4(c) Clubs who consider having a mixture of MAAA members, and members of another like association who are not also members of the MAAA, will not be affiliated"

The above clauses are also mirrored at paragraphs 3.5(b) and (c) of MOP 057 'Insurance Conditions Policy'.

Whilst the two policies set out above require Clubs to ensure all flying members are Affiliate Members of the MAAA, the MAAA Executive confirms that nothing within those or any MAAA policy prevents:

1. Clubs affiliated with the MAAA from also affiliating with other like associations; and
 2. individual Affiliate Members of the MAAA from also affiliating with other like associations.
- The only relevant requirement imposed by the MOPs is that Clubs must ensure all flying members (whether or not members of like associations) are also members of the MAAA.

Evidence of this position is provided by the fact that the MAAA Executive is aware of numerous Affiliate Members who are also members of the AMAS, directly contradicting one of the allegations set out in the complaint.

Legal advice.

The legal advice provided to the MAAA after receiving instructions from the MAAA Executive is summarised as follows:

1. the complaint is factually incorrect in that neither the MAAA or its policies prevent Clubs or Affiliate Members from also affiliating with the AMAS;
2. subject to paragraph 3 below, the MAAA and its Ordinary Members and Clubs are not infringing the relevant competition law provisions outlined in the complaint;
3. Ordinary Members must not refuse to affiliate a Club for the reason that it is also affiliated with another association, and Clubs must not refuse the membership application of an individual for the reason that he or she is also affiliated with another association; and
4. Ordinary Members and Clubs imposing the requirement that all members become Affiliate Members of the MAAA (in addition to any other memberships they may hold) are not breaching the Australian competition law.

The MAAA remains committed to attracting and welcoming new Members to the sport and growing the number of people enjoying fun flight. With over 300 Clubs, the MAAA values the contribution of Members as a powerful voice governing the direction of our sport.

If Members have any questions regarding the contents of this letter or would like further clarification, please direct all enquiries to MAAA Secretary at the following email address

secretary@maaa.asn.au

Happy flying!

Yours sincerely

J. Neil Tank

President

Model Aeronautical Association of Australia

MAAA 2016 Member survey; growing membership and our sport!

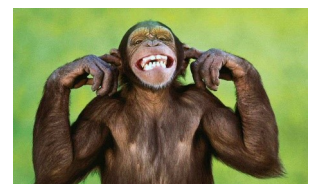
We are undertaking the 2016 member survey to hear your views on how we can grow our membership and ensure a strong future for our sport.

As an incentive, we are giving away five \$50 vouchers as prizes to a retail store of the winners' choice. We will select five winners by judging the best answer to the last survey question.

The survey will only take around 10 minutes to complete.

For your views to be included, all surveys need to be completed by **Sunday 31 August 2016**. You can begin the survey by visiting the following web address:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2016MAAA>



Flying High With Paul Murphy.

Lesson 4.

Today I had my 4th lesson on how to fly a trike. John Cresswell made me concentrate on how to climb and descend to a particular height. We were over the Bribie Passage at the time, all at sea for he start, but by the end of the lesson I manage to level out at the required height.



Quite a bit of other traffic, a **Foxbat** doing touch and go, I think under instruction from the ground....

sounded like that. John's comment was that it was a bit of a no-no as they were not ready.

Also saw a helicopter fly overhead while in the circuit to land. Learnt to look out for places to land in case of an emergency, there seems to be plenty of open space down there but of course not all would be suitable.



Have become rather safety conscious lately, no doubt due to the training I am receiving. I cannot believe I am actually doing this, it seems like a dream. John C seems happy with my progress, I would be content to be considered average. An hour ago I was going through have a cup of tea but the time has flown. Regards to all. John C took a photo of me with my cameras for his records.

Will have to get Norm to help me sometime. Paul.





Two bowling teams, one of all blondes and the other all brunettes charter a double decker bus for a weekend tournament in London.

The brunette team rides in the bottom of the bus and the blondes in the upper deck.

The brunette team down below is living it up and having a great time when one of them realizes there's no noise coming from the blondes in the upper deck and goes up for a look. When the brunette reaches the top she sees all of them staring straight ahead in sheer terror, gripping the seat in front of them with white knuckles.

She says, "What the heck is going on up here? We're having a grand old time downstairs"

One of the blondes looks up and says, "Yeah, but we haven't got a driver!"



Gibson Field Report

By Graham Tattersall

Gibson field is still progressing in it's development, albeit slowly.

The recent May working bee saw 21 club members at the field and the majority were utilized spreading four metres of soil on the strips, working on the areas where the cracks were worst. Well done to those guys!



Since the working bee the recent heavy rain event has helped that soil to settle and help close the cracks. Other members worked on assembling and installing a sink and cupboards in the main area of the shed and that will be connected to the tank and pump very shortly.

A huge thanks to **Nev Vogler** for sourcing two complete kitchens for us. It did involve at least four members, two trailers and about eight hours work to dismantle the kitchens and transport them back to the club, via a late lunch at Hungry Jacks!

Other tasks completed at the working bee included clearing along the fence line of the entrance road (starting to look really good now) and general clean up. Well done to all who

attended.



We have also been fortunate enough to have about sixty cubic metres of dirt donated from a local contractor who dug out a pool site for a nearby resident. This will be used to level some of the rougher areas and raise some low lying areas that became evident in the recent wet weather event. During that event the club survived well and strips remained flyable throughout, testament to the dozer driver who did the original ground work.

Field security has also been enhanced with the recent addition of security cameras installed. Hopefully we will never need to see the footage of intruders or any criminal activity!

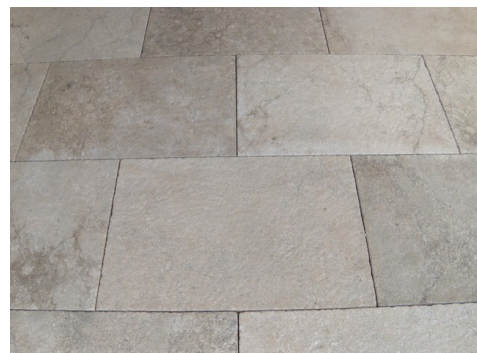


We also have a quote for all weather pit cover ,which was engineer and council approved when we got the shed done (two separate covers, one either side of the existing soft cover) and this will be discussed and a proposal put to the members at the next meeting. It's the next major project to enhance the field and make it much more pleasant for club members to fly, particularly during the hot summer months.

At the next working bee, **Sunday 3rd July**, we will continue to spread some soil, work on the next part of the kitchen, whipper snip and further work on cleaning up the fence line of the entrance road. Finally I want to make a special mention of **Peter Atkinson** for his generous donation of a whipper snipper (in mint condition I might add!!) and **Dave Mount** for tiles to be used on the kitchen splash backs. Thanks very much.

Until next time, look after your mates and the club. Safe flying.

Tatts.



Events Calendar 2016

June

24th SAAMBR meeting 7.30pm.

July

9-10. Southern Cross Airforce Coolumb. Tony Thornton
0408 791484.

23-24th . Southern Cross Airforce. Dave Butler
07 38002974

August

27-28th Southern Cross Airforce Gladstone. Troy
Josefsky 0411 397 139

September

24-25th Southern Cross Airforce SAAMBR. Robbie
Potter 0403 978 928

NEXT WORKING BEE

Sunday 3rd July

Sid Bray Field

8.00am

(Sign in book gets taken away at 8.30am)

Two brooms fall in love and decide to get married.

At the reception the bride broom had the first dance with the groom broom. While dancing the bride broom tells the groom broom: " I want us to have a little whisk-broom."

The groom broom tells the bride broom, " We can't, we havn't even swept together yet."



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