



# MAAQ



**"KEEPING YOU INFORMED"**

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### **President**

The AGM has now been held with only 3 changes on the Committee, Ted Burfein representing Free Flight and Lindsay Price Control line. The Previous PRO did not nominate, so Doug Moody was nominated from the floor and accepted the position. I wish to thank the efforts of all previous Committee members especially John Taylor who has been on the Committee for many years. John could always be counted on to contribute at meetings and also this Bulletin, he will be missed, but I am sure Ted Burfein will be a worthy replacement.

Following the AGM the Secretary and I visited TARMAC on Sunday morning to attend a question and answer session as they had heard rumors that their tenure on the field could be in doubt.

The TARMAC field belongs to the MAAA and is leased to the MAAQ as a State field; the MAAQ sublet the field to TARMAC back in 1998 for a period of 25 years making them responsible for its maintenance and development, which they have done extremely well. Therefore there is no way that this could be interfered with unless urban sprawl made flying impossible or the MAAA decided to sell it. As the MAAQ is in effect the Landlord it is the responsibility of the member clubs as to what happens in the future and all the present Management Committee will do is visit once per year to keep them informed of any changes that may be planned.

Following our visit to TARMAC we traveled on to Aeromodellers of Coominya and were enthusiastically welcomed by the members. This is a privately owned World War 2 airstrip and has been used as a model field with consent of the owner for 40 years. We were also surprised to learn that this had been the first official visit in all that time by the MAAQ! Needless to say I can assure you we will be back again in less than 40 years as your welcome made us feel at home.

Our new rules have been distributed and as yet there has been only one response, so on that basis we would anticipate having them as an agenda item at the November meeting. Once passed they are then forwarded to the OFT for scrutiny and if accepted would be in place by the end of the year.

At the first General meeting in 2012 there would be an election held for the new position of Sports and Categories Administrator (SACA) and other positions would be appointed.

Just prior to the AGM we were notified by QSPORT that MAAQ had been accepted as an associate member. This was a little disappointing as I had put quite an effort in to have us accepted as a full member with the local MP for Gympie providing a supporting letter. However it is a foot in the door so to speak and I will continue for that elusive recognition.

Probably the most exciting news is to inform you that after several months of negotiation with the South Burnett Council and with the support of the Kingaroy club we have been able to get access to an unregistered aerodrome at Wondai. The initial lease will be for 5 years at an amount yet to be

negotiated. There are toilets available for use but the field will have to be developed and we are now seeking expressions of interest from special interest groups or clubs who may wish to use this field. There are no houses nearby and plenty of space. The cross strip which is unused and where we will be located is around 2 kms long, so large models will have plenty of airspace to fly in.

There is some movement of light aircraft, but with the use of a spotter and a radio for listening we can happily co-exist.

The intention is to have this as a state field for future use for large and noisy models experiencing difficulty in finding places to fly, but we welcome submissions from any interested parties.

Wondai is 3.5 hours from Brisbane, but there are many clubs much closer.

Another initiative we have taken is to produce a brochure to be used at public events to promote aeromodelling. This has only been made possible with the generosity of Jim Henry using his skills as a Graphic Artist. They are being printed this month and we will endeavor to send a copy out to all clubs. Any club seeking to hold a public display will be able to use them.

The web site has now been moved to a new host and upgraded to better reflect our activities.

This was done to make editing easier for the Committee and we will not require an in house Web Master. Doug will be looking after event changes on the Calendar, with other committee members making changes when necessary. The Club locations/Listings have been removed temporarily pending advice from clubs not wishing to have their details posted. There have been concerns about privacy issues, so Barry will be seeking permission from all clubs to display their details.

Finally, I wish to congratulate the Rockhampton club for their efforts in gaining a grant from the Qld Rural Adjustment Authority for repairs after the floods.

Robin Klau.

## **SFI/MAAA CFI/MAAA EDUCATION DELEGATE**

Members are reminded of the next Instructors Course being held on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> November at Maryborough.

The course format will be changing with an invitation now to any observers, club committees and interested members. Existing Instructors are invited to attend and are encouraged to participate with input to the various subjects discussed.

The education process has been receiving many enquiries from schools and scout groups recently with several schools applying for Delta Darts.

The reports sent by these schools certainly indicate a high level of success overall and I thank all those involved. This is a great way for school aged children to learn about aeromodelling, and does lead to new members.

Delta Darts are available on application (conditions apply) by Schools, Girl Guides, Scouts and similar organizations via the MAAQ Education delegate.

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## **Free Flight**

The BFFS have flying at Dalby this coming weekend for several rubber classes including Lsq/100, No Frills Wakefield and Open Rubber. The following weekend is 1/2A power and Queensland Diesel Power (QDP) at Coominya on the Sunday.

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# Control Line

Hi Guys.

I thought that I would take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new MAAQ Control Line Administrator and a member of Thunderbirds. Probably a lot of CL'ers will already know me, at least a little, having attended various events at the SE Queensland clubs, the State Champs and through my recent trip up to Maryborough where I also met a number of people from Bundaberg, Rockhampton and Townsville. Not to forget the guys out at Dalby.

I have served on committees before, although not for a while, and you are no doubt aware that this is my first time with the MAAQ Management Committee. I am a dedicated CL flyer and I am keen to see the sport progress and grow. To state that CL is populated by a membership which, shall we say, is not getting any younger, is a point of which I am sure you are all well aware. The answer to this problem is of course - please excuse me for stating the obvious - is to attract younger people to join a club and start flying. With that in mind I have set myself three goals for the year. The first is to more firmly establish Electric Control Line, (ECL) which has been under way for a number of years but which is now able to compete in almost all ways with the use of glow engines. I say in almost all ways because in my opinion nothing beats the sound of a glow engine or the smell of a diesel. The second is to introduce Radio Control Line (RCL) whenever possible and the third is to attempt to find a location to hold the State Championships which will be suitable for both City and Country Folk. To do this in the best way that I can will require relevant and timely information as to where we are right now and also to get your feedback as to what you think are the important issues: what you would like to see happen and where you would like CL to be 5 years from now. With that in mind I am considering sending out a Questionnaire to all CL'ers in the next few months. It would take the form of 10 to 15 multiple answer questions and space for some comments. If you receive this questionnaire please answer as many questions as possible as this will give us a very good foundation to start growing the sport some more, and increasing it beyond its current reach.

Well, I can't finish up here without giving some explanation of what I see as the distinction between ECL and RCL. ECL uses an electric motor which is controlled by a timer. RCL can use either a glow engine or an electric motor which is throttle controlled via a Servo or an Electronic Speed Controller, a Receiver, and a 2.4 Gig Radio. We have been using both of these methods at Thunderbirds for some time now with very good results. It was heartening to see a good friend of mine recently, who might ordinarily be considered 'hard to impress', almost falling off his chair with joy when retelling how much fun he had while flying my RCL glow powered Fazer. That conversation in turn inspired a member from another club to have a go as well and I am currently working on converting a model for him. I am convinced that this type of flying will be well embraced and hope that it will be a good way of attracting a greater number of younger members.

That's it for now.

I would be happy to receive your comments via email where possible or by phone when needed as I hope that I am taking up these tasks in the best interests of all. It is your voice and your comments which will determine where we go from here.

Thanks Guys.

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## Airflow /PRO

By the time you read this bulletin you should have your July-September Airflow newsletter.

I hope that you like this latest edition. In the next edition there will be an article about a local modeler, his large scale model and its construction.

I would like to invite any other modellers to take the challenge and write in about their latest building projects even if it is only a paragraph or two and a couple of photos.

Even the clubs out there, if they have had a successful event held we would like to know about it.

I look forward to hearing from some of the members out there and the different clubs out there as well.

If you have a look at the calendar for 2012 there are very few events listed so far.

For those clubs out there who are intending to have events advertised for next year, I would like to ask them to submit their events in a timely manner, to enable their events to be placed on the web site and into the event calendar.

Please get your planned events into the airflow editor for ratification as soon as possible.

Since having taken on the Public relations officers position (PRO) at the annual general meeting, I have been given information results about the recent survey that everybody is interested in hearing the results.

I am currently working on these figures and will have a result, to be published in the next newsletter.

Doug Moody

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## Treasurer/Registrar

### Membership

The membership numbers are in nice and early with 2059 affiliates and 61 clubs being registered. These are good results for this period.

Numbers to date are:

Seniors	1940
Juniors	114
Life members	5

MAAA Sec is away on holidays for the next two weeks which means memberships at MAAA level won't be processed for that period. If you have new members on your books send them in to me anyway and I will hold them until Kevin's return.

Finally, if you would like to adopt the club database and manage your memberships electronically drop me a line. All you need is a copy of Microsoft access and I can send you a copy of a club disc pertaining to your club. It makes membership management a good deal easier and less paperwork too.

Until next time

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