

# MAAQ General Meeting



## Minutes

<b>Location</b>	Online - Microsoft Teams Meeting		
<b>Date</b>	November 18, 2025	<b>Start</b>	7:04pm
<b>Apologies Received</b>	Craig Burkhardt Steve Lightowler	<b>End</b>	8:31pm
<b>Proxies Received</b>	Jeff Linton (rep Greg Barklay) WAM		
<b>Committee Attendance</b>	MAAQ President	Aaron Garle (AG)	
	MAAQ Vice President	<del>Craig Burkhardt (CB)</del>	
	MAAQ Secretary	Will Parker (WP)	
	MAAQ Treasurer	Randall Mowlam (RM)	
	MAAQ Public Relations Officer (PRO)	David Neil (DN)	
	MAAQ Development Officer	James McAllen (JM)	
	MAAQ State Flying Instructor (SFI)	<del>Steve Lightowler (SL)</del>	
<b>Visitor Attendance</b>			
Quorum = YES		Clubs Represented = 20	Required = 12

<b>Club Attendance</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Rep #1</b>	<b>Rep #2</b>
	AUSTRALIAN LARGE SCALE MODELS	David Garle P	
	CENTRAL HIGHLANDS MODEL AERO CLUB	Jeffrey Dickenson	
	FIRST PERSON VIEW REBELS	Andy Harvey, P (AH)	
	GOLD COAST MODEL FLYING CLUB INC	Greg Watson (GW)	
	HINTERLAND MODEL FLYING CLUB	Ron Roadknight	
	KINGAROY AERO MODELLERS SOCIETY INC	John Box P/S (JB)	
	LOGANHOLME AEROMODELLERS R/C SOCIETY INC	Tony Cavana	
	MARYBOROUGH AEROMODELLERS CLUB INC	Gert Smit (GS)	
	PHOENIX MODEL AVIATORS Inc	Terry Lalley P	
	QUEENSLAND RADIO CONTROLLED HELICOPTER ASSOCIATION INC.	Peter Reid	
	RAAF AMBERLEY MODEL AIRCRAFT CLUB	Trevor Owens	
	RADIO AEROMODELLERS IPSWICH DISTRICT	Trevor Wendt	
	ROMA & DISTRICT AEROMODELLING CLUB	Ken Dawes (KD)	
	SAMFORD VALLEY FLYERS	Cliff Leigh P	
	SPORTS AEROMODELLERS ASN MORETON REGION	Damian Ferrito (DF)	
	TOOWOOMBA AMATEUR R/M AERO CLUB	Doug Woodcock (DW)	
	TIN CAN BAY MODEL FLYING CLUB	Bill Wheeler	
	TINGALPA MODEL AERO CLUB	Wil Sipma P	Phil Gartshore
	TOWNSVILLE AEROMODELLERS SOCIETY	Anthony Hordern	
	WARWICK AERO MODELLERS	Barry Robin VP	

Topic	Decision / Note	Action / Resp	Prop / Sec
<b>Committee Reports</b>			
Minutes from Previous meeting to be accepted (provided in advance)		Accepted	JB DW
Committee Reports – Executive Reports – President & Secretary		Accepted	AH JB
Treasurers Report Sept – Nov 2025	Financial reports tabled (Appendix B)	Accepted	AH GW
	Registrar reports tabled (Appendix C)	Accepted	AH JB
Honorariums	Approval as per budget; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secretary \$2,500</li> <li>• Treasurer \$1,000</li> <li>• Public Relations Officer \$500</li> <li>• SFI \$500 + Expenses of \$60 + \$81.74</li> </ul>	Accepted	JB DF
<b>Agenda Topics</b>			
PRESIDENT (AG)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Been having conversations around advertising events via the MAAQ social media – the purpose of the FB presence is “for and to the MAAQ and MAAA” audiences and not the public domain or general public in the sense of representing the advertisement of a true “public display” – so don’t not promote your events and activities on FB because it might contravene a public display promotion. Sharing as much content as we can helps keep the conversations online going around all the states and other interest groups.</li> </ul>		
TREASURER (RM)	-		
SFI (SL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Covered by Will for Steve – report on Wings for quarter.</li> <li>- 19 Clubs – 31 Wings Awards,</li> <li>- 4 Bronze, 9 Silver, 13 Gold - FW</li> <li>- 3 Multi Rotor Silver</li> <li>- 1 Multi Rotor Gold</li> <li>- 1 FW Instructor</li> </ul>		

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PRO (DN)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- WP – driving engagement on Socials and especially the FB page. Promote events you have by looping in the FB page.</li> <li>- Email and FB DM – get indoor flying back up and running &gt; we are trying to do but has challenges. Going to try and get back into Sleeman Center.</li> <li>- FB page is reflecting good aeromodelling content – so keep sending over the events in the new year and we will promote them with you.</li> <li>- Numbers show the views by people who follow the page and those who don't. Seems 65% of the views are "following" and 35% are not but could end up engaging via the page because they get interested.</li> <li>- Shares of club events and activities are the posts which get the best views and traffic so it helps amplify the social network.</li> </ul>		

General Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- AG – Admin and process in the MAAQ</li> <li>- AG – Federalisation discussions</li> <li>- No general questions from the floor</li> <li>- AG and WP review some of the processes and workflows and the systems that support and help manage the association in the background.</li> <li>- Whatever it may be around – area approvals, incident reports, event display permits, turbine and large scale inspections and endorsements</li> <li>- AG has wanted a CRM/online system for all this since he became president</li> <li>- Has good experience with these database systems.</li> <li>- We’ve evaluated numerous systems and then move from Excel to Monday has gone very well</li> <li>- AG WP review various processes with statuses and categories of process.</li> <li>- This should make future committee members take on responsibilities without having to learn a lot of separate files (spreadsheets and pdfs and word docs etc) and enhance online form submission.</li> <li>- AG we would want all these processes achieved with an online form.</li> <li>- AG wants to make it possible for the clubs to have accounts and help manage all their processes on a dashboard</li> <li>- Tracking Area Approvals, where funding requests are at</li> <li>- This change is based on a need for more centralised and properly secured.</li> <li>- WP provides a general demo of Monday and the design philosophy – IR, GA MAAQ Reference numbers etc.</li> <li>- AA taking most effort</li> <li>- Grant Applications form and Incident and Accident Reporting.</li> <li>- WP makes a speech about the importance of incident reports and how we pursue safety and responsibility in the hobby</li> <li>- Increase efficiency and transparency</li> <li>- Working on inspector and turbine processes</li> </ul>		
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Automation, visibility, effort put into development and customisation</li> <li>- Any questions?</li> <li>- AG this has been to show the effort and care that is being put into managing this state association; how to best future proof</li> <li>- Getting much harder to get future committee members</li> <li>- WP AH how to fix misnomers in the directory.</li> <li>- DG – how will the new process help clubs who forget to put in a new Area approval</li> <li>- WP once on <b>the new General Instrument</b> it's an annual renewal and notifications will be able to be implemented so MAAQ and Club can be notified.</li> <li>- WP feedback on the <b>Drone Nats.</b></li> <li>- And how the process can provide feedback and speed up processes.</li> <li>- AG No other questions&gt;</li> <li>- <b>Discussions around federalisation.</b></li> <li>- No immediate actions called for or motions proposed. Transcript available on request.</li> <li>- Not all states have the committee succession plan or people who can take on the roles – we are currently lucky</li> <li>- How do clubs have a voice at the MAAA – how is voting for their exec done?</li> <li>- This raises lots of questions – we need to have these discussions but are we open to looking at a concept of federalising – dissolving the MAAQ and moving under a federal body – how the mechanics work, how voting works, no one has the answers – and this is not about a vote tonight but let's have an open discussion</li> <li>- This system has worked for a long time but we are in a time of change and decline</li> <li>- Give us your views and ask the questions of our committee so we can represent you at the MAAA council etc.</li> </ul>		
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We will represent you and your views but the country is looking at the possibility of a new model</li> <li>- KD – I’ve been thinking about this – a need for insurance – liability of clubs is currently covered currently – do we need to get our own insurance outside of the pilot insurance – when amalgamation happens the show gets bigger – they will have to put more people on – maybe 5 – the cost benefit may not be there</li> <li>- Other issue is representation – no way we can sit down as a group representing the QLD clubs on a federal level as we can now</li> <li>- AG – still can have quarterly meetings with state reps – say three reps – who can represent the clubs and questions but KD makes some very valid points.</li> <li>- We need to write these all down and decide what we address and how and what we might be unsure of how we address certain things and be open and clear about the conversations.</li> <li>- Honorariums – cover a lot of amazing work that is done and is done locally for our clubs</li> <li>- What happens to all this work done if its federalised?</li> <li>- DN – would have benefits to have paid employees doing jobs that could have KPIs which is difficult with volunteers. Things could be done faster.</li> <li>- WP – Rhyll is part-time and she is accountable as a paid employee but doesn’t expect to chase people up who are volunteering their time in the same way and so this can be inefficient.</li> <li>- AG – of course it would mean these people doing jobs would be out of the honorariums and some appreciate this opportunity even if it isn’t primarily about the money.</li> <li>- KD – I suppose you guys need our feedback and research over the next months 3,6,12 months – do we have any insights into how AMAS etc operate and how successful is it?</li> </ul>		
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- WP – AMA seemed to work ok when I was there but they have a very different population dist. Etc.</li> <li>- AG – does anyone here have any objections to at least looking into this matter?</li> <li>- WP – it will ultimately come down to a vote and is likely to fail</li> <li>- Wve asked the MAAA to come back with a plan and something to propose to members that could be voted for.</li> <li>- DG – 50 years experience here – the community we have in QLD is so important and strong – not just a club with a great community but the state and nationally – everybody helping each other and going national would dilute that.</li> <li>- AG – Final piece – Idea to promote the hobby for growth of members stolen from NZ – How to grow the hobby – <b>propose to free membership across the board for new members</b> – people getting into the hobby or people who have been out of the hobby for 5+ years.</li> <li>- Encoursgae people to use the clubs to start instead of going to a park and having a terrible time</li> <li>- Is the money for the clubs the real issue with this – is it that big a cost?</li> <li>- Going to get more info from NZ on how they are going to do it...</li> <li>- How much bigger could the community grow if we were able to grow it again/faster.</li> <li>- GS – How would it work – how logn and when will they become financial?&gt;</li> <li>- KD – what about free juniors to make a lead in or way in to encourage</li> <li>- JM – not just junior – more success with senior members too – get the middle age crisis people. Go all in – give 2 years not just 1</li> <li>- KD – my methodology is to get feedback from some of the people who have been in it for 50 years – when do I get something for nothing.</li> <li>- DG – I think its about time those people pay back for some of the time</li> </ul>		
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	<p>and effort other members put in to them over the years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- JM – these people would be few and far between</li> <li>- DG – we gave away a trainer given away as a gate prize – guy who won became a member at TCB and has become an invaluable member over last 5 years.</li> <li>- DW – financial costs will be relatively insignificant for what the benefits are and we should really look into it</li> <li>- DN – clubs can promote such things themselves for their own benefit</li> <li>- AG – clubs struggle with the promotion as they already have so much on their plate</li> <li>- JM – a coordinate national effort that the hobby shops are aware of would be beneficial – much better than a single club doing something.</li> <li>- GS – Grey area between the hobbyist and the drone people using for commercial business – overlap and such – they don’t have approved areas and they are hobbyists as well – CASA encouraging all that with certificates and such – how to tap into that – adapt or die – look into that.</li> <li>- DG Agree with all the points – problem with aeromodelling in decline is that we only promote internally – when mums and dads come we don’t even say hello – this would make a big difference – we must promote outward not just inward.</li> <li>- JB – absolutely right – we have to be welcoming or we are in trouble</li> <li>- DG – we have grown 100% every year. FOA has been awesome in the local community and region – so much we can</li> <li>- AG exactly – we all have to work together to spread our passion</li> <li>- DN – I stood on the gate at FOA and spoke to like 350 people who walked through the gate maybe 10 or more showed real interest.</li> <li>- AG – OK, wrapping up.</li> </ul>		

**This document was prepared by the MAAQ Secretary, Will Parker, 18 Nov, 2025.**

Certified by Secretary,

Certified by President,

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Date: 18 November, 2025

## Appendix B – Financial Report



# MODEL AERONAUTICAL ASSOCIATION OF QLD INC YTD FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 02 NOVEMBER 2025

## **CASH AT BANK AT 02 NOVEMBER 2025**

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<b>Community Solutions Account No. 152540 (Working Account)</b>	83,964.48
<b>Cash Reserve Account No. 228509 (Main Account)</b>	129,741.50
<b>Term Deposit No. 733459 (Term Deposit 12 Months)</b>	70,000.00
<b>Term Deposit No. 733440 (Term Deposit 6 Months)</b>	70,000.00
<b>Debit Card No. 733432 (Mastercard Debit Card)</b>	<u>430.32</u>
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>354,136.30</b>

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Randall Mowlam  
Treasurer  
18 November 2025

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Aaron Garle  
President  
02 November 2025



# MODEL AERONAUTICAL ASSOCIATION OF QLD INC

## YTD FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 02 NOVEMBER 2025

Model Aeronautical Association of Queensland Inc.				
July 1-November 2, 2025				
Distribution account	2025	2025	Total	2025/2026 Budget
<b>Income</b>				
MAAA/MAAQ Membership Fees	73,581.65	3,495.44	77,077.09	\$ 66,040.00
MAAQ Club Affiliations	127.26	0	127.26	\$ 1,200.00
TARMAC Lease Income	0.00	0	0.00	\$ 98.03
Sundry GST Receipts	0.00	0	0.00	\$ -
Sleemans Centre Indoor Venue	0.00	0	0.00	\$ 600.00
Unapplied Cash Payment Income	0.00	0	0.00	\$ -
Interest income	1,860.43	494.80	2,355.23	\$ 6,000.00
<b>Total for Income</b>	<b>\$ 75,569.34</b>	<b>\$ 3,990.24</b>	<b>\$ 79,559.58</b>	<b>\$ 73,938.03</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$ 75,569.34</b>	<b>\$ 3,990.24</b>	<b>\$ 79,559.58</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>				
Advertising/Promotional	0	0	0.00	\$ 5,000.00
CASA Payments	0	0	0.00	\$ -
CFI - Instructor Refresher Courses	0	0	0.00	\$ 2,000.00
Depreciation Expense	0	0	0.00	
Equipment Maintenance	0	0	0.00	\$ 1,500.00
Honorariums	4,500.00	0	4,500.00	\$ 18,000.00
Indoor Venue Hire	540.00	0	540.00	\$ 2,400.00
Legal and professional fees	1,656.45	0	1,656.45	\$ 1,900.00
MAAA Affiliation Fee	0.00	0	0.00	\$ 10.00
MAAA Conference (MAAQ Extra Delegate)	0.00	0	0.00	\$ 1,000.00
MAAA Membership Fees	83,059.08	4,540.91	87,599.99	\$ -
MAAQ Capital Expenses / Purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$ 5,000.00
MAAQ Committee Travel Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$ 2,000.00
MAAQ Equipment Purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$ -
Meeting Expenses	729.41	0	729.41	\$ -
Mileage Allowance Payments	0.00	0	0.00	\$ -
Postage & freight	114.73	0	114.73	\$ 500.00
Printing, stationery & supplies	106.13	0	106.13	\$ 500.00
Q Sport Membership	0.00	0	0.00	\$ -
Sponsorships	0.00	0	0.00	\$ -
Sundry Expenses	0.00	0	0.00	\$ -
TARMAC Lease Payment	0.00	0	0.00	\$ 98.03
Taxes Paid	0.00	0	0.00	\$ 7,000.00
Ongoing IT Expenses (Office 365)	2,132.81	0	2,132.81	\$ 1,500.00
General & Admin Expenses / Contingency	0.00	0	0.00	\$ 4,000.00
Trophies	47.73	0	47.73	\$ 3,000.00
Website Costs	62.77	0	62.77	\$ 700.00
<b>Total for Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 92,949.11</b>	<b>\$ 4,540.91</b>	<b>\$ 97,490.02</b>	<b>\$ 56,108.03</b>
<b>Other Expenses</b>				
BAS Roundoff Gain or Loss	-0.66	0	-0.66	\$ -
MAAQ Trailer Purchase	187.50	0	187.50	\$ -
Membership Refund	0.00	0	0.00	\$ -
Club promotional events/fly-ins (up to \$2000)	0.00	0	0.00	\$ 2,000.00
Club/SIG grants related to promotion (limit of \$500)	954.55	0	954.55	\$ 5,000.00
Equipment/Improvement grants (in conjunction with MAAA grants programme)	909.09	496.00	1,405.09	\$ 8,000.00
Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.00	0	0.00	\$ -
General Promotion Fund	0.00	0	0.00	\$ 3,000.00
<b>Total for Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 2,050.48</b>	<b>\$ 496.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,546.48</b>	<b>\$ 18,000.00</b>
<b>Net earnings</b>	<b>-19,430.25</b>	<b>-1,046.67</b>	<b>-20,476.92</b>	<b>-\$ 170.00</b>

Note: MAAA/MAAQ fees are shown in the budget as the net amount as income and zero in expenses.

## Appendix C – Registrar Report



**MODEL AERONAUTICAL ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND INC  
REGISTRAR'S REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 2025 TO 02 NOVEMBER 2025**

**Club and Membership Renewals for 2025/26**

**Clubs**

Member Clubs 59

**New Members**

Seniors 70

Juniors 26

**Memberships**

Seniors 1670

Juniors 96

Life Members MAAA 0

Life Members MAAQ 2

**TOTAL 1768**

**Life Members - MAAQ**

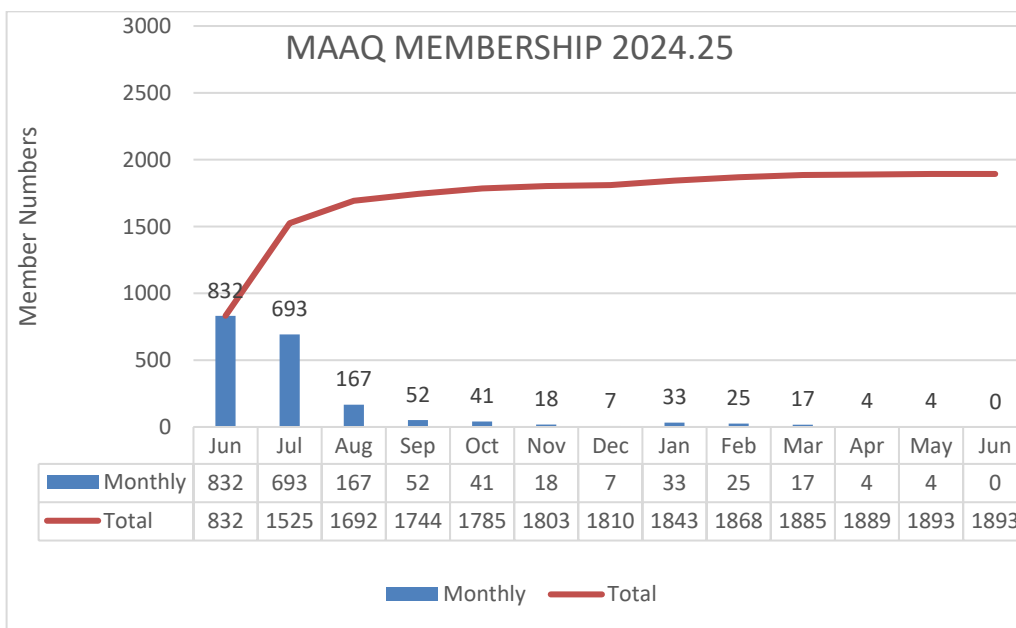
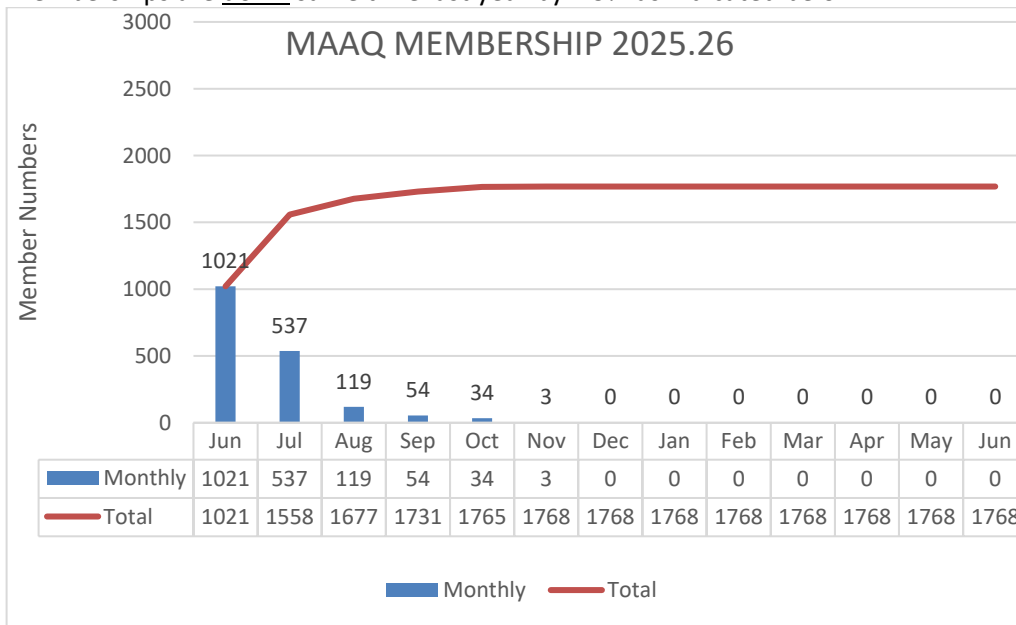
**Aus. No.**

Doug Moody 16297

Pawel Sagadak 24172

**Life Members - MAAA**

Memberships are down same time last year by 1.9% as indicated below.



Randall Mowlam

Registrar MAAQ  
02 November 2025

## Appendix A – Combined MAAQ Committee Report

## **President's Report**

### **Q2 FY25-26**

As the busy time of the year is fast approaching us all, I wanted to take the time to give the membership a brief update as to what has been happening behind the scenes within the MAAQ along with important matters that need to be brought to the front of mind whilst enjoying our hobby.

#### **Incident and Accident Reporting:**

It is important to ensure that any Incidents and Accidents are reported to the MAAQ for both our and the MAAA records. The MAAQ and MAAA are not here to prosecute those who have an Incident or Accident. The reporting of events that occur are to help the MAAQ and MAAA identify incident trends and to assist with developing procedures to ensure the likelihood of the event reoccurring as low as possible. Furthermore, clubs that are operating under the CASA General Instrument (Area Approval), are to have an outline of model aircraft operations during periods of Total Fire Bans which all members are to familiarise themselves with.

Further information on the matter for those who wish to get a better understanding of the matter, Please refer to the MAAA Website under MOPS – MOP001 Incident and accident reporting.

#### **Operation of models during Fire Bans:**

In recent months, the MAAQ has been approached with questions regarding the operation of model aircraft during Fire Bans within the state. For those who operate Turbine Models will be aware under MAAA MOP030 – Gas Turbine Rules that it states the following:

*No gas turbine powered aircraft are to be flown during times of total fire bans as enforced by State and Territory regulations.*

Regarding the operation of any other model aircraft during a fire ban, it is at the discretion of each individual club as to if they implement any such rules or regulations and not for the MAAQ to enforce. The MAAQ can only advise each individual club regarding the matter to perform a risk assessment of the clubs surroundings to determine a conclusion on the matter. It would be of no surprise to us all that a model with a Li-po inside of it crashing has just as much risk of creating a fire on impact depending on the severity.

#### **Administration within the MAAQ:**

It has been the view of most within the MAAQ Executive that the systems and procedures within the administration of the MAAQ have been dated for sometime with the amount of double handling of matters from HMI's, Instructors, Area Approvals and even Club Grants. This has previously been spread across many different Xcel spreadsheets along with other files within the OneDrive.

MAAQ Secretary, Will Parker over the last few months has been going above and beyond the general day-to-day operations within his role to begin a transition over to an online CRM program that is already reducing the workload of double handling of matters and ensuring matters are not missed.

The capabilities of the CRM in use is quite wide and vast that with time of testing and further developing, the MAAQ look to roll this out to Club Committees for the use of being able to login and find out as what stage a matter is at (HMI Applications, Area Approval Applications, Grant Applications and Incident/Accident Reporting) without having to send an email to the MAAQ requesting an update. This is a goal for the MAAQ Executive to assist with reducing workloads for all involved but will take time to ensure that any bugs are ironed out.

### **Discussions of Federalisation:**

It has been getting around some time amongst clubs across the country that there have been discussions around the matter of Federalising Aeromodelling across the country (In simple terms, the dissolving of State Associations and moving all under the MAAA Banner).

Fact; at this year's MAAA Conference in Sydney, this was a matter that was discussed around the table amongst all the states.

Federalising Aeromodelling across the Country is not a matter that can and will be decided on lightly. Each and every state have their own internal workings with some more complex than other due to assets such as State-owned land etc. Most importantly, a model of how Federalising Aeromodelling could work needs to be developed by both State and Federal Executives over sometime looking at each and every scenario from:

- *How do the Clubs have a voice at the MAAA?*
- *Who will Club communicate with regarding MAAA matters?*
- *Will the MAAA bring in more members of the Executive or even possibly a part/full time employee that would be answering the phone 5 days a week between 9am and 5pm?*
- *Who votes for the MAAA Executive?*
- *How does a State Association dissolve its assets?*

These are only just a couple of many questions that need to be answered when developing a model for Federalisation of Aeromodelling.

However, there is only one question that needs to be answered before even opening this Pandora's Box and it is this....

**Are clubs in the MAAQ open to the concept of Federalising Aeromodelling Administration and for the National and State Bodies to go away and develop a model that would be proposed to the Club Executives?**

**Now I repeat, this question is not defined as a set in stone situation for Federalising Aeromodelling. It is a matter of if Clubs are open to the concept. If clubs are not open to the concept, then the situation remains as the status quo unchanged.**

IMO, I believe that this is a matter of developing a model over a 12-month period where once every 2-3 Months, the model is revisited with further questions that we may come across or issues that we possibly had not thought of prior.

Once a model has been developed and proposed to the Club Executives, it may very well be the case that one or two of the smaller States with a smaller Membership total may begin the process of Federalising to ensure that all points and matters are covered before moving onto other states with significantly larger memberships that also contain assets to be distributed.

Best regards,



Aaron Garle

MAAQ President

## **Secretary's Report**

### **Q2 Fy25-26**

G'day Queensland Aeromodellers, I am still working myself into this role and wanted to give you a brief update on what I have been doing to improve the communications, processes and effectiveness of the MAAQ in serving our clubs and members. I want to thank everyone who has called me or emailed me with questions (many I can't answer!) and please don't hesitate to reach out – I'm learning as I go and want to be the best possible route for you to our executive, the MAAA and CASA.

Much of what I do day to day is field email inquiries (something like 15-25 daily on average) from the "Contact Us" links on the MAAQ website and MAAA website (where Queensland is selected). Usually when an MAAA contact-us form comes through it is Rhyll (our fabulous MAAA secretary, who I thoroughly enjoy working with!) or me who reply and offer whatever assistance we can.

When the inquiry comes through to me directly, either via the [secretary@maaq.org](mailto:secretary@maaq.org) email or the Contact-Us link on the MAAQ.org website I make it a priority to reply with whatever assistance I can offer in a timely fashion. I believe the biggest part of this job is effective, professional and courteous communications. Usually, these are questions about locations of clubs, membership costs, clarification on rules and regulations (for which the MOPs are the single source of truth, but rarely the immediate answer!), queries about how to apply for grants and financial assistance, and especially concerns around insurance, fees, wings and instructor status.

I am decidedly NOT an expert in all these areas. I am becoming more familiar with the MOPs with every passing day and always try to look up answers so that I can point members (or prospective members) to the best resources available.

I want to give a shout-out to my fellow committee members who help me from day to day.

First of all, (and in no particular order): **Randall Mowlam**, ([treasurer@maaqa.org](mailto:treasurer@maaqa.org)) **who is the master of the memberships, banking and accounting** – without his long standing expertise and deep knowledge of the committee operations which extends well back I would be lost – thank you Randall! Randall has just got us through the busiest time of the year, and we are in very capable hands as I'm sure you all know. So, if you ever need info on your grant approvals, payments for fees or requests for support for trophies etc., just send me an email or call me and I'll work with our Registrar/Treasurer to get you fully informed and work out how we can best support.

Very often my role involves shuttling communication between all the various Subject Matter Experts on the MAAQ committee and clubs and their members. I often relay communications between clubs and instructors around the submission of Wing's awards and instructor questions to our **Senior Flying Instructor, Steve Lightowler** ([sfi@maaqa.org](mailto:sfi@maaqa.org)). Steve is fantastic to work with, super generous and knowledgeable and is usually able to process wings within a day or so of my receiving a completed Wings form. He can also look up statuses for instructors and certifications and send new digital versions of your AUS card – so don't hesitate to reach out to Steve or me for this kind of thing.

Our expert on the Aera Approvals side and everything related to the new **MAAA General Instrument Area Approval** is **Vice President Craig Burkhardt** ([vicepresident@maaqa.org](mailto:vicepresident@maaqa.org)) and I am thankful for his experience and extensive knowledge of tools we use to help confirm CASA airspace complications with OzRunways and the CASA and MAAA regulations. Craig is a huge help for all clubs working through this new process and with the 50th General Instrument just lodged (nationally) it has proven to be a great success, so if your club needs to renew please reach out to me and we can get the ball rolling. The outcome is much faster and once the initial pain of paperwork and submission is done the process will be much more efficient every 12 months when renewal comes around. If nothing has changed at the club this should be a simple declaration and reissue of the Instrument.

**Our president Aaron Garle** ([president@maaqa.org](mailto:president@maaqa.org)), along with wrangling a brand-new baby, hectic business and international competition flying schedule is managing our **Endorsements and Certifications**. I especially love the opportunity to fly with Aaron and talk shop with him regularly!

This is a difficult, time consuming and complicated process and I know there have been some delays in recent years, including and amplified by committee transitions from previous executives with processes and methods which often don't survive their term into the new one.

A big part of what I am working on building in my tenure as secretary is a web-based CMS or "work operating system" that will be intuitive and straightforward to train successive committee members on so that we don't have to keep "reinventing the wheel" (*so to speak*) and I can assure you all that we are working hard on catching up with any endorsements and certifications which have stalled and are almost through the backlog.

Much of the difficulty in heavy model inspection and certification is related to how big Queensland is and Aaron has been addressing this with appointment of inspectors, his own endorsement and utilising the development of online forms and processes for applications, creation of dossiers and the sending and receiving of exams for marking.

This is quite an intensive and involved process, so please work with us as we implement new and efficient ways of lodging applications and keeping you informed of the progress. Aaron's

and my vision is to give you a portal where you can see the progress and inquire or make comments as processes progress.

I want to acknowledge **James McAllen** ([dev@maaqa.org](mailto:dev@maaqa.org)) for his expertise in event management, promotion and regulation of competitions. If you get the chance to work with him for an event you will be amazed at what he can teach you from his organising of the pattern competitions including an international championships in Queensland! An exhausting but rewarding exercise for sure!

If you want to promote an event, please reach out to me and/or **David Neil** ([pro@maaqa.org](mailto:pro@maaqa.org)), our **PR Officer**. David is doing a lot to drive engagement and retention on the website, Facebook page, other socials and at events where meeting members of the public and advocating for aeromodelling in the local communities is so important. David is an experienced and multi-generational modeller, and it has been great to share some flying and camping with him and his son Jackson as he builds his experience in the great tradition!

Another of the weekly tasks I am involved in is the receipt, acknowledgement and handling of our **Incident and Accident reporting**. I cannot stress how important this aspect of the hobby is. The way we handle accidents and incidents has a direct impact on our insurance premiums and the discount we got this year was passed on by the MAAA and reflected in our national levies.

*Responsible and accountable aeromodelling is every modeller's responsibility.* None of us want to feel like the "fun police", and neither your club exec or the MAAQ or MAAA are there to "enforce" the rules. The rules exist for good reasons, and whilst not perfect, few could argue that they are unnecessary! And of course, obviously there are good and bad ways of approaching everything in life, and I leave that in your capable hands to work out - like you do every time you land a plane - it's all context, conditions and capability!

Quite simply, if a model is lost out of bounds, if a member is injured or an accident occurs then it is important to report it. Many cases exist where it is in the interests of the member, club and association itself - *but especially the Insured Member*, that the appropriate reporting is done *at the time of an incident*.

We cannot know if an injured hand or damage to property will become the subject of an insurance claim in the months (or even years) to come and if we have the records everyone is protected. I know the process of filling out the forms, which are mandated in the MOPs we operate under (so there is no excuse, I'm afraid as we have all agreed to be bound!) can be time consuming and sometimes feels unnecessary - please be assured that I want to make this process as streamlined as possible and am working with the committee to make this process (and many others) an online submission and automated workflow so that we can get the admin out of the way and get on with enjoying the hobby knowing we have been responsible and accountable for our fellow modellers and the association's reputation.

Please work with me, our committee, the MAAA and your Club Executive to ensure that all accidents and incidents are duly reported and we can move on better prepared to avoid such events in the future. There is an online submission form on the MAAQ.org website I have designed to point you to the MAAA forms and MOPs and enter the important information in a way that is able to be lodged and passed onto MAAA (and subsequently CASA) as efficiently as possible.

Turning to less serious but equally important matters!

If your club is hosting an event, I am a good point of contact to discuss the necessary preparations you may need to do if you want to hold a public display, request a grant to sponsor the event and promote the club and our hobby in your local community.

In our recent MAAA Council meeting we learned that nationally the member numbers have increased for the first time in years!

I don't have the exact figure, but something like 3% up on last year when we were typically 3% down – so this is not just a turnaround but a significant recovery, as we didn't just make up the expected 3% decline but increased by a similar amount. Now I don't know which states contributed the most to this, and I refer you to the registrar's report for more information on Queensland, but it is a sign that Aeromodelling is still relevant and has something to offer people who have not taken it up before, or (like me!) are returning to their love of aviation, the open skies and camaraderie of our clubs.

I urge you all to be especially welcoming to people who visit our clubs – **YOUR CLUB** – and help them develop their interest and bring out the love of aviation that the hobby provides. It has never been more affordable and accessible than it is right now. I know we all face cost of living challenges, but the ability to get away from the devices and shut-in life that Australian's have always enjoyed is never more relevant than now. Our clubs provide a space where friendships are built, knowledge attained and honed and the highs and lows of engaging in something difficult, technical, artistic and inspired are experienced as a part of our everyday life.

From second guessing the weather on the web (thanks BOM!) to prepping a new or old model for the weekend, to trying something completely different (as I have just done with my first ground-up balsa-kit build and maiden an EDF! – *and YES I'M HOOKED*) this hobby has so much to offer.

Parents and kids bonding over a game that isn't played from the comfort of the couch where you can “quit and save” your progress – this is priceless, and I firmly believe that Aeromodelling is a unique hobby which checks all the boxes of an activity that overwhelmingly gives back the more you put in.

Kids blow me away with their hand-eye coordination, attained from their years of gaming, which hones their superb reflexes – but there is something (that we all know, but they don't) about the stakes when the “controller” is in command of a real physical model, being rendered at the highest of all resolutions in perfect 3D!!

Anyway, I'll wrap up. Most of you know I am an “enthusiast” to the core. I've never been able to do things by halves (though they often end up in pieces smaller than halves!), and the biggest problem is the time and money to achieve potential that I know is there and I will never tire of chasing.

Thank you for welcoming me to the role and helping me in so many ways get back into the hobby I love and serving our community in what I think is a simple but important way.

Please reach out if you want to talk about the MAAA, MAAQ, your Club, membership (new card or questions about events etc.) If I don't know the answer, I'll tell you and do my best to find out for you!

I truly believe that the State bodies make a difference in the experience of running clubs in Australia and the way that Clubs and their members are represented to the Federal level and beyond.

I look forward to continuing in this role and building the workflows and processes that will make aeromodelling here worthy of the title "Queenslander!".

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name 'Will', written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail.

Will



# MODEL AERONAUTICAL ASSOCIATION OF QLD INC YTD FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 02 NOVEMBER 2025

## **CASH AT BANK AT 02 NOVEMBER 2025**

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<b>Community Solutions Account No. 152540 (Working Account)</b>	83,964.48
<b>Cash Reserve Account No. 228509 (Main Account)</b>	129,741.50
<b>Term Deposit No. 733459 (Term Deposit 12 Months)</b>	70,000.00
<b>Term Deposit No. 733440 (Term Deposit 6 Months)</b>	70,000.00
<b>Debit Card No. 733432 (Mastercard Debit Card)</b>	<u>430.32</u>
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>354,136.30</b>

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Randall Mowlam  
Treasurer  
18 November 2025

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Aaron Garle  
President  
02 November 2025



# MODEL AERONAUTICAL ASSOCIATION OF QLD INC

## YTD FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 02 NOVEMBER 2025

<b>Model Aeronautical Association of Queensland Inc.</b>				
<b>July 1-November 2, 2025</b>				
<b>Distribution account</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>2025/2026 Budget</b>
<b>Income</b>				
MAAA/MAAQ Membership Fees	73,581.65	3,495.44	77,077.09	\$ 66,040.00
MAAQ Club Affiliations	127.26	0	127.26	\$ 1,200.00
TARMAC Lease Income	0.00	0	0.00	\$ 98.03
Sundry GST Receipts	0.00	0	0.00	\$ -
Sleemans Centre Indoor Venue	0.00	0	0.00	\$ 600.00
Unapplied Cash Payment Income	0.00	0	0.00	\$ -
Interest income	1,860.43	494.80	2,355.23	\$ 6,000.00
<b>Total for Income</b>	<b>\$ 75,569.34</b>	<b>\$ 3,990.24</b>	<b>\$ 79,559.58</b>	<b>\$ 73,938.03</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$ 75,569.34</b>	<b>\$ 3,990.24</b>	<b>\$ 79,559.58</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>				
Advertising/Promotional	0	0	0.00	\$ 5,000.00
CASA Payments	0	0	0.00	\$ -
CFI - Instructor Refresher Courses	0	0	0.00	\$ 2,000.00
Depreciation Expense	0	0	0.00	
Equipment Maintenance	0	0	0.00	\$ 1,500.00
Honorariums	4,500.00	0	4,500.00	\$ 18,000.00
Indoor Venue Hire	540.00	0	540.00	\$ 2,400.00
Legal and professional fees	1,656.45	0	1,656.45	\$ 1,900.00
MAAA Affiliation Fee	0.00	0	0.00	\$ 10.00
MAAA Conference (MAAQ Extra Delegate)	0.00	0	0.00	\$ 1,000.00
MAAA Membership Fees	83,059.08	4,540.91	87,599.99	\$ -
MAAQ Capital Expenses / Purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$ 5,000.00
MAAQ Committee Travel Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$ 2,000.00
MAAQ Equipment Purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$ -
Meeting Expenses	729.41	0	729.41	\$ -
Mileage Allowance Payments	0.00	0	0.00	\$ -
Postage & freight	114.73	0	114.73	\$ 500.00
Printing, stationery & supplies	106.13	0	106.13	\$ 500.00
Q Sport Membership	0.00	0	0.00	\$ -
Sponsorships	0.00	0	0.00	\$ -
Sundry Expenses	0.00	0	0.00	\$ -
TARMAC Lease Payment	0.00	0	0.00	\$ 98.03
Taxes Paid	0.00	0	0.00	\$ 7,000.00
Ongoing IT Expenses (Office 365)	2,132.81	0	2,132.81	\$ 1,500.00
General & Admin Expenses / Contingency	0.00	0	0.00	\$ 4,000.00
Trophies	47.73	0	47.73	\$ 3,000.00
Website Costs	62.77	0	62.77	\$ 700.00
<b>Total for Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 92,949.11</b>	<b>\$ 4,540.91</b>	<b>\$ 97,490.02</b>	<b>\$ 56,108.03</b>
<b>Other Expenses</b>				
BAS Roundoff Gain or Loss	-0.66	0	-0.66	\$ -
MAAQ Trailer Purchase	187.50	0	187.50	\$ -
Membership Refund	0.00	0	0.00	\$ -
Club promotional events/fly-ins (up to \$2000)	0.00	0	0.00	\$ 2,000.00
Club/SIG grants related to promotion (limit of \$500)	954.55	0	954.55	\$ 5,000.00
Equipment/Improvement grants (in conjunction with MAAA grants programme)	909.09	496.00	1,405.09	\$ 8,000.00
Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.00	0	0.00	\$ -
General Promotion Fund	0.00	0	0.00	\$ 3,000.00
<b>Total for Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 2,050.48</b>	<b>\$ 496.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,546.48</b>	<b>\$ 18,000.00</b>
<b>Net earnings</b>	<b>-19,430.25</b>	<b>-1,046.67</b>	<b>-20,476.92</b>	<b>-\$ 170.00</b>

Note: MAAA/MAAQ fees are shown in the budget as the net amount as income and zero in expenses.



**MODEL AERONAUTICAL ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND INC  
REGISTRAR'S REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 2025 TO 02 NOVEMBER 2025**

**Club and Membership Renewals for 2025/26**

**Clubs**

Member Clubs 59

**New Members**

Seniors 70

Juniors 26

**Memberships**

Seniors 1670

Juniors 96

Life Members MAAA 0

Life Members MAAQ 2

**TOTAL 1768**

**Life Members - MAAQ**

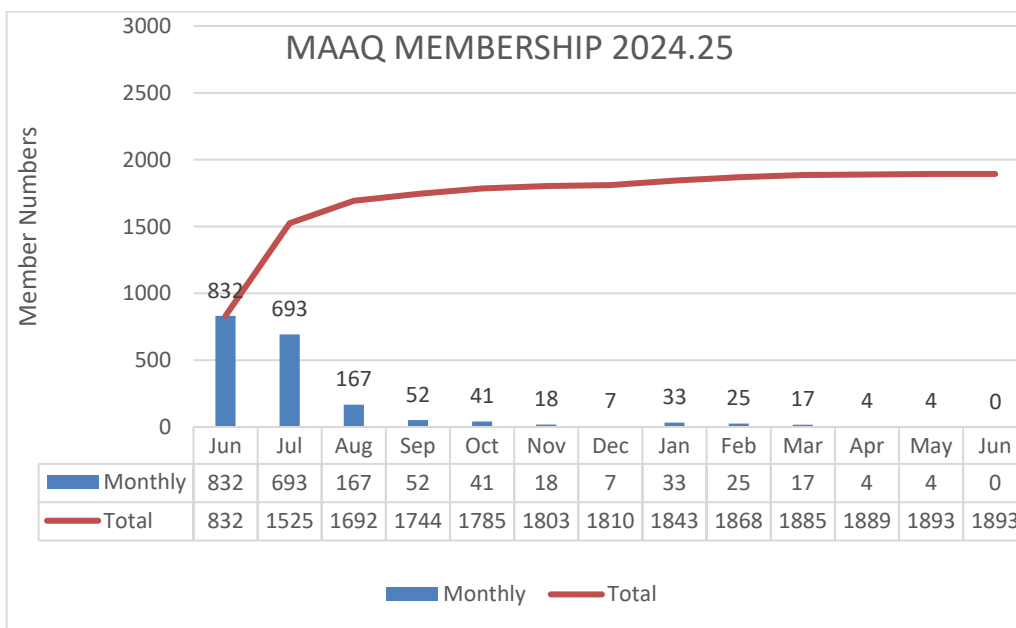
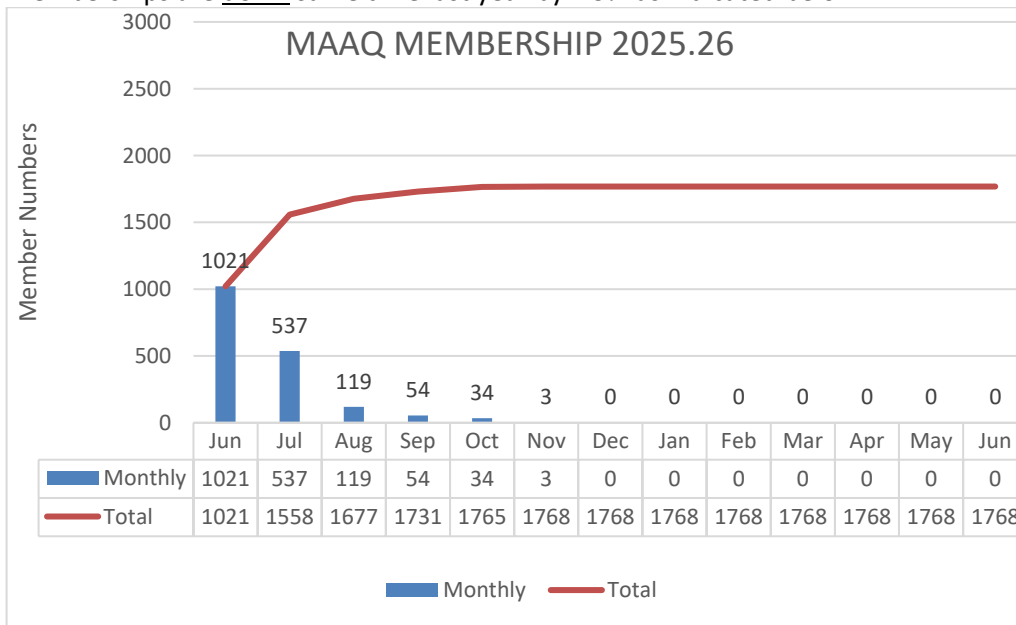
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Doug Moody 16297

Pawel Sagadak 24172

**Life Members - MAAA**

Memberships are down same time last year by 1.9% as indicated below.



Randall Mowlam

Registrar MAAQ  
02 November 2025



# MAAQ General Meeting

## Minutes

<b>Location</b>	Online - Microsoft Teams Meeting		
<b>Date</b>	02 September, 2025	<b>Start</b>	8:00 pm
<b>Apologies Received</b>		<b>End</b>	8:53 pm
<b>Proxies Received</b>			
<b>Committee Attendance</b>	MAAQ President	Aaron Garle (AG)	
	MAAQ Vice President	Craig Burkhardt (CB)	
	MAAQ Secretary	Will Parker (WP)	
	MAAQ Treasurer	Randall Mowlam (RM)	
	MAAQ Public Relations Officer (PRO)	David Neil (DN)	
	MAAQ Development Officer	James McNeil (JM)	
	MAAQ State Flying Instructor (SFI)	Steve Lightowler (SL)	
<b>Visitor Attendance</b>			

<b>Club Attendance</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Rep #1</b>	<b>Rep #2</b>
	Australian Large Scale Models	David Garle #20699	
	CALVERT RADIO AERO MODELLERS SOCIETY	Warren Hathaway #37038	
	CENTRAL HIGHLANDS MODEL AERO CLUB	Jeffrey Dickenson #81485	
	FIRST PERSON VIEW REBELS	Andy Harvey #89220 (AH)	
	HERVEY BAY MODEL AERO CLUB	Ron Roadknight #13424	
	KINGAROY AERO MODELLERS SOCIETY INC	John Box #2032 (JB)	
	LOGANHOLME AEROMODELLERS R/C SOCIETY INC	Tony Cavanna #82769	
	MARYBOROUGH AEROMODELLERS CLUB INC	Gert Smit #89195	
	PHOENIX MODEL AVIATORS Inc	Terry Lalley #29206	
	RAAF AMBERLEY MODEL AIRCRAFT CLUB	Trevor Owens #51831	
	RADIO AEROMODELLERS IPSWICH DISTRICT	Trevor Wendt #16758	
	REDLANDS AERO MODELLERS INC	Michael Hyde #87364	
	ROMA & DISTRICT AEROMODELLING CLUB	Ken Dawes #7758 (KD)	
	SPORTS AEROMODELLERS ASN MORETON REGION	Phil Adames #63573	Damien Ferrito #47283

	SAMFORD VALLEY FLYERS	Cliff Leigh #44234	
	THUNDERBIRDS AEROMODELLERS CLUB	Peter Best #21948	
	TOOWOOMBA AMATEUR R/M AERO CLUB	Doug Woodcock #4868 (DW)	John Bowdern #44215 (JBo)
	TIN CAN BAY MODEL FLYING CLUB	Bill Wheeler #29665 (BW)	
	TOWNSVILLE AEROMODELLERS SOCIETY	Anthony Hordern #82894	
	WARWICK AERO MODELLERS	Gregory Barclay #74998 (GB)	

Topic	Decision / Note	Action / Resp	Prop / Sec
<b>Committee Reports</b>			
Minutes from Previous meeting to be accepted		Accepted	JB / DW
Committee (Annual) Report (Appendix A) – provided and accepted at AGM (taken as read), briefly reviewed in this Q1GM absent a separate report for the GM – JB asks		Accepted	AG / DG
Treasurers Report 1 July – 15 August	Financial reports tabled (Appendix B)	Accepted	RM / GB
	Registrar reports tabled (Appendix C)	Accepted	RM / GB
Honorariums	Approval as per budget; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secretary \$2,500</li> <li>• Treasurer \$1,000</li> <li>• Public Relations Officer \$500</li> <li>• SFI \$500 + Expenses of \$60 + \$81.74</li> </ul>	Accepted	JB / AH
<b>Agenda Topics</b>			

Topic	Decision / Note	Action / Resp	Prop / Sec
PRESIDENT (AG)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Accept previous Minutes and Reports taken as read, circulated for AGM.</li> <li>- Brief review of the last 12 months and reflecting on the highs and lows.</li> <li>- Photo of Aaron with FAI President Greg Principato and comments around broader Aviation Sport and Hobby being in decline across the board. Aviation Sports in General are in Decline. We need to look to the future and how we stay relevant and ensure we secure our future. Look to areas like Drone Racing which are thriving.</li> <li>- Public Displays – 6 clubs holding 8 air shows / events around Qld over last 12 months.</li> <li>- Rodney Stepping down and Will joining the exec as Secretary – been pretty seamless.</li> <li>- Thanks to Craig for hard work across the General Instrument Area Approvals process working with Rhyll and the MAAA executive and CASA.</li> <li>- JB asks why the reports weren't presented in the AGM: WP states they were circulated for the AGM and accepted as read.</li> <li>- WH explains some of the background to the GM being held directly after the AGM; with the incoming committee in place.</li> </ul>		
TREASURER (RM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review Financial Report</li> <li>- Review Registrar's Report</li> <li>- Honorariums</li> </ul>	Accepted	RM / GB AH JB

Topic	Decision / Note	Action / Resp	Prop / Sec
SFI (SL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Similar to previous 3 months</li> <li>- Silver most common</li> <li>- Followed by Gold</li> <li>- No new instructors – 3 prospective from North and 2 in the SE – to follow up and set dates</li> <li>- Wings Certificate turn around usually within 2 days and includes a new member card.</li> <li>- All good.</li> <li>- QUESTIONS</li> <li>- WH – how many clubs have a wings standard requirement before you can fly solo; SL: this has been a grey area – to a wings “standard”; WH again, how many Qld clubs require this – SL: we don’t know; WH – we should promote this as a governing body; SL: Club Level decision. CB in the MOPS that this is the recommendation but not mandated. Comes up a council meetings over last few years about whether it should be made mandatory – always some resistance to this. Insurance can then look at a claim where this might mean the claim can’t be accepted. “Most” clubs have some kind of rule like this. WH says that this can be interpreted as a “right to fly” (What right do you have to fly?); CB – Take the point and encourage discussion. WH suggests a NOTAM go out to clubs to reinforce the MOP recommendation. CB – nothing to stop us putting in newsletter – probably a good idea.</li> <li>- Further debate and discussion around which clubs have made this decision and why, general insurance considerations and aspects like age impacting standard of flying that a Wings holder may be capable of – duty of care rests with the clubs.</li> <li>- BW – encourage members to get their wings – don’t mandate doing it – but when we need to stop a pilot flying we do (gave an example) – test proficiency with buddy box and if not successful they get grounded.</li> </ul>		

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PRO (DN)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Echoing the sentiment from Aaron in the report – we need to really work to put on events and promote the hobby instead of watching the decline. Want to motivate clubs to get into promotion and MAAQ want to support, including feeding up to MAAA. Airshows are great for pulling in interest from local communities.</li> <li>- Getting the events and event recaps onto the Facebook page.</li> <li>- KD says they get some members from Static Display initiatives at other clubs or events.</li> <li>- DN spent 2.5 hours at FOA encouraging and orientating visitors. Many locals were enthusiastic.</li> <li>- The hobby is more accessible and not as expensive or risky as it used to be so we need to take advantage of that – introduce and show them how to get into the hobby.</li> <li>- Tyson Dodd mentions that efforts can be amplified via the MAAA and states. TD – almost no posts on the MAAA facebook page in 9 months. AG – shuffling on the MAAA exec left the Member Services position being handed over to Rhyll; probably needs to be filled or ask the MAAA how they will proceed.</li> <li>- KD, free junior membership at Wyndam; CB – that club is paying the MAAA component on junior’s behalf. Clubs can pick up the bill.</li> <li>- DG – maybe the MAAA can utilise Gemma / AG not everyone knows Gemma (who ran all the social media and everything for FOA)</li> </ul>		

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General Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- WH: approach by 2 members of SAAMBR – put applications in for inspector not had updates. AG – spoken to John and Chris’ had dropped through the cracks; AG catching up. Process of exams and forms submissions etc all need redesign and better communications. AG having been away has complicated things.</li> <li>- Cliff Leigh (CL) special thanks to Craig B for the effort he is going to to support and conclude the Area Approvals. CB: feels like things are now more under control now.</li> <li>- WP – AA under GI have been a success and the assignment of the first temp AA that went back and forth to CASA due to having Night Flying; CASA ultimately added Night Flying to the MAAA General Instrument. A win for MAAA and a Win for Qld. And the Drone Nationals up here in October.</li> <li>- RM – David Lewis MAAA Registrar will be away till early October – so please be patient waiting on cards etc. – reach out to RM for help if necessary.</li> </ul>		

**This document was prepared by the MAAQ Secretary, Will Parker, 26 May 2025.**

Certified by Secretary,

Certified by President,



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Date: 8 September, 2025

## Appendix A – Combined MAAQ Committee Report



## President's Report:

As I am writing this report, I look back at how quickly 12 months has gone by since being elected to the position of MAAQ President and what has transpired within aeromodelling over the time. Like everything, there is many highs and lows along the journey which some have been shared amongst previous reports and meetings.

## Awareness of Aeromodelling:

It is no surprise to us all that Aeromodelling is in a decline both nationally and globally however, many other Air Sports around the world are in the same situation. Recently I had the opportunity to meet FAI President, Greg Principato whilst I was attending the FAI F3A World Championships held in Muncie, Indiana. Greg (who is also an aeromodeller) informed me that Aeromodelling is one of many Air Sports that are experiencing a decline in participation which is coming back to a change in society. It is with this change in society that disciplines look to ways to adapt and not be left behind. One area of this that we both discussed within Aeromodelling is the rise of Drone Racing over the past decade and its appeal to the general community. As many have different views on this discipline, it is one that we as Aeromodellers need to welcome to ensure that we as a group are not left behind.

Another way that many of us are aware of with regards to ways to help assist with the growth and awareness of Aeromodelling is Public Displays/Airshows which has been steady withing Queensland. Over the past 12 months, there was 6 Clubs that ran 8 Public Displays/Airshows with several more club executives have reached out as to what requirements there are and how to best go about this and what we as the MAAQ can do to better assist with how to go about it.



*Picture: MAAQ President Aaron Garle with FAI President Greg Principato*

## Within the Executive:

A couple of key points that I would like to share. As many are aware, Rodney Clarke (MAAQ Secretary) had stepped down from his position as of February with Will Parker stepping up into the role. As I am sure many would agree that Will has jumped into this position and has made the process almost seamless to the general membership along with working alongside the rest of the committee by developing a range of



systems and procedures to better record decisions/actions made and for other members of the committee to know at what stage a matter is at.

Craig Burkhardt has been instrumental in ensuring that the Area Applications have been as streamline as possible with along with the assistance of Clubs being able to transition under the new blanket Area Approval. There is a fair amount of work that goes in the background to best ensure that all requirements are met which Craig has done an awesome job with. Thank you, Craig!

I would like to thank the whole MAAQ Committee for their efforts over the past 12 months with this being the first time for 4 people have been in these positions. There has been a lot to learn and take in however I believe that with the same people going around for the 2025/2026 year, a significant amount more can be done in the best interest of Queensland Aeromodellers.

Happy Flying!

Aaron Garle  
MAAQ President

## Secretary's Report

In recent months I have had the opportunity to learn a great deal about the operations of the MAAQ and MAAA. I have been enjoying meeting many of you in this capacity, but also as an Aussie aeromodelling enthusiast returning home to our wide-open skies and fields (I have been flying for several years in the US) and I applied for this job hoping to serve the community in some small but meaningful way.

I hope you don't mind if I share something of my aeromodelling journey and perspective considering Aaron's words above.

When I entered the hobby in the late 90s, I was already an aviation nut – as soon as I left school, I was hell bent of flying full-size – and poured all my hard earned into amateur aerobatics in a Robin R2160 out of Bankstown. But it was rotary-wing flight that had originally captured my imagination as a boy and eventually led me to save up enough to own my very own model helicopter.

It was amazing to me that I could finally build and fly a faithful reproduction of a true Bell-Hiller machine! And with the help of the rc-heli community back then, generous and welcoming to a fault (mostly!) I began my lifelong love of aeromodelling that eventually had to take something of a backseat with children, career and all the other adulting that comes with life today!

In this role I want to reinforce the importance and power of our community to be welcoming, encouraging and a source of inspiration, knowledge and experiences that can't be had from a computer screen or social media. Every guest to our clubs should be actively welcomed, shown around, introduced to a few people and encouraged to try flight. I know this is logistically difficult, but we cannot afford to ignore it.

As seasoned aeromodellers, when we attend an event like the **Festival of Aeromodelling** we are reminded how broad, deep, expert and engaged our community is – how united, how inclusive, diverse and rich, but also how tight-knit and tribal we can be – and so we need to reinforce the positive of all this cultural heritage we have to guarantee the longevity of our art!

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In my travels I see much of the excitement about technology, material advances and technical flight, epitomised in the jet and quad communities. No doubt: *jets inspire* – actually, it is something akin to “shock and awe” to experiencing a full-tilt gas-turbine model in full-send, and that pulls in many spectators at events, hopefully igniting an interest that leads to new members. Helicopters have that similar awe-inspiring effect, as do, in different ways: giant models, scale projects and scratch builds. There is so much variety and opportunity in this hobby.

As Aaron mentioned, drone-racing is an area that captures the imagination of a new generation, and we should be encouraging and supportive of this as a new chapter that adds to the rich heritage of aeromodelling. Quads are accessible and reasonably affordable for a new generation of tech-savvy young people, striving for excellence and the thrill of friendly but fierce competition in something ground-breaking. We must sponsor and support this! The seeds of a lifelong love of flight begins with a welcoming, enthusiastic community willing to share knowledge, time and bits of broken models!

My own philosophy leaves no room for negativity in advocating for and working to improve our community and club scene. Negativity breeds apathy, resignation and a cultural inertia that can only accelerate any decline. There is no doubt that this is a worldwide phenomenon, I experienced it in Asia and in the US.

I consider a “*positive attitude*” as one of the most fundamental principles in aviation and aerodynamics. Indeed, I have taken my love of flying and used as much of what I learned to enrich my work and family life. I remember being taught the conceptual formula of **Power + Attitude = Performance**, and I have tried to incorporate that into the way I approach my life.

We should be working to inspire everyone in our local community about the transcendent experience of flight, the pride of ownership of a model of any kind – and the natural development of all the skills, discipline and experiences that come with it. Not only the youth, who so often, once they learn to drive and start on their careers cannot be blamed for not wanting to join dad at the field as much as they used to, but also those in our lives who can still be captivated by the magic of flight - something that perhaps is less evident around us day to day than it was in the heyday of manned flight and the extraordinary progress of the jet and space age!

The MAAQ is here to serve Queenslanders and their clubs, communities and create a welcoming thriving environment that I hope can be the envy of the aeromodelling world.

We continue to be here to provide funding for events, club initiatives, recruitment drives and promotion of all things aeromodelling. I am working on improving the website, the way we communicate and manage our contacts database (some tools I’ve designed as Aaron mentioned) and continue to facilitate the processing of people’s applications for instructor or heavy model accreditation and Club Area Approvals. We have had some significant wins in the MAAA General Instrument, which allows the MAAA (and by extension all of us) to be more self-governing. This makes approvals faster and more predictable – and I hope somewhat easier for you! One particularly important win was the outcome of the temporary area approval with public display permit for the 2025 Drone Racing Nationals, where I worked with the FPV Rebels to secure not only the necessary permits but also a new revision of the MAAA General Instrument (Rev 3) to include Night Flying (under 400’).

I hope you all take the opportunity to “fly well and fly often”!

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## MAAQ Public Relations Officer – 2025 Report

It is my pleasure to present my first annual report as Public Relations Officer of the Model Aeronautical Association of Queensland (MAAQ). The past year has been both a learning experience and an opportunity to strengthen the Association's public profile.

### Introduction and Transition

When I commenced the role, there was limited information passed on from the previous officeholder, which made the transition challenging. However, with the support of the Executive Committee—particularly Aaron, James, and Craig—I was able to quickly familiarise myself with the responsibilities of the position and begin contributing effectively.

### Achievements in 2024–25

A major focus this year has been improving the Association's visibility and presence on social media, especially through the MAAQ Facebook page. Considerable effort has gone into ensuring our content reflects aeromodelling activities and engages directly with clubs across Queensland. As a result, the platform now enjoys significantly stronger interaction, with the algorithms increasingly centred on aeromodelling content. The past four months in particular have seen noticeable improvement in reach and engagement.

Beyond digital media, I have remained active within the aeromodelling community as a participant and enthusiast. Informal conversations at events and flying fields have provided valuable opportunities to listen and to gather feedback from other members and clubs. As a family - myself, my son, my wife and my father spent 3hrs at Festival of Aeromodelling Saturday Airshow greeting and introducing the public as they walked in the gate – many conversations were had and plenty of interest was shown as to what the day was about!! For a regional town this was great to see such a turn out, and in turn Goondiwindi Council is open arms to aeromodelling leaving an impression in the region. QTF Jets also fly an event at Goondiwindi so the presence is felt at the very least twice a year for the local community – I don't think it will be long until there is a specific model aero club formed somewhere in the region.

### Challenges Identified

While progress has been made in communications, several broader challenges remain:

- **Membership Decline:** A number of clubs continue to face decreasing membership, and unfortunately, Queensland has seen the closure of two fields this year, including Noosa and Coolum. I really do hope both these clubs can work with local council to find new locations, or at least 1 location and form 1 larger club potentially??



- **Community Engagement:** Social events for existing members are important, but they are not sufficient on their own to attract new participants. More proactive engagement with the public is essential.
- **Administrative Barriers:** Clubs have expressed that organising events such as airshows or “come and try” days can be administratively complex, with some committees reluctant to undertake the workload.

## Opportunities and Recommendations

To address these challenges, I encourage clubs to consider the following:

1. **Open Days and Demonstrations** – Hosting community events, airshows, and “come and try” days provides opportunities for the public to experience aeromodelling firsthand and inspires new generations to take part.
2. **Youth Engagement** – Encouraging younger family members, including grandchildren, to participate builds continuity and ensures the sustainability of the hobby.
3. **Collaboration Between Clubs** – Where individual clubs face difficulties, partnering with neighbouring clubs may make events more viable. Swap between fields year on year if need be. 2 clubs can have no events, or 1 club can run something once every 2 years – it isn’t about the club, its about potential members and broader community getting exposure to aeromodelling.
4. **Simplification of Processes** – At a national level, the MAAA may wish to explore ways of streamlining requirements to support clubs in delivering public-facing events. ANY feedback on this is particularly welcome from club level.

Aeromodelling remains an accessible and exciting activity – we all know that who are reading this. Entry costs are no longer prohibitive, with drones, helicopters, and fixed-wing aircraft available for under \$500. With the right approach, our clubs can offer an attractive pathway into the hobby and present themselves as valuable community assets in the eyes of local councils and the public.

## Conclusion

I remain committed to working with the Executive and our member clubs to build on this year’s progress. With continued effort in outreach and communication, aeromodelling in Queensland can enjoy a bright and sustainable future. I look forward to contributing further in the coming year.

Dave Neil  
Public Relations Officer  
Model Aeronautical Association of Queensland

## Appendix B – Financial Report



## Senior Flying Instructor's Report

### PILOT'S WINGS ALLOCATION FROM MAY TO MID AUGUST

<u>WINGS TYPE</u>	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
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#### MAY

Fixed Bronze	caprcas 1	
Heli Gold	cmac	1
Glider Gold	SAAMBR	1

#### TOTALS

#### JUNE

Fixed Bronze	TMAC	1
Fixed Silver	TMAC	2
Fixed Gold	TMAC	1
	Tin Can Bay	1

Fixed Bronze	6
Fixed Silver	10
Fixed Gold	8
Glider Silver	1
Glider Gold	1

#### JULY

Fixed Bronze	Hinterland	2
	LARCS	1
	Lockyer Val.	1
Fixed Silver	RAMS	1
	SMF	1
	Phoenix	1
	CMAC	1
	Mascot	1
	SAAMBR	1
	Fixed Gold	TRACS
Fixed Gold	TARMAC	1
	Mascot	1
	Hervey Bay	1
	Glider Silver	LARCS

#### AUGUST

Fixed Silver	GCMFC	1
	CMAC	1
Fixed Gold	RAAID	1
	TMAC	1

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# MODEL AERONAUTICAL ASSOCIATION OF QLD INC

## YTD FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 15 AUGUST 2025

### CASH AT BANK AT 15 AUGUST 2025

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Community Solutions Account No. 152540 (Working Account)	100,869.53
Cash Reserve Account No. 228509 (Main Account)	128,582.71
Term Deposit No. 733459 (Term Deposit 12 Months)	70,000.00
Term Deposit No. 733440 (Term Deposit 6 Months)	70,000.00
Debit Card No. 733432 (Mastercard Debit Card)	<u>430.95</u>
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>369,883.19</b>

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Randall Mowlam  
Treasurer  
15 August 2025

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Aaron Garle  
President  
15 August 2025



# MODEL AERONAUTICAL ASSOCIATION OF QLD INC

## YTD FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 15 AUGUST 2025

<b>Model Aeronautical Association of Queensland Inc.</b>				
<b>Profit and Loss</b>				
<b>1 July - 15 August, 2025</b>				
	<b>1 Jul. - 15 Aug., 2025</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>2025/2026 Budget</b>
<b>Income</b>				
MAAA/MAAQ Membership Fees	66,172.59	66,172.59	\$	66,040.00
MAAQ Club Affiliations	127.26	127.26	\$	1,200.00
TARMAC Lease Income	0.00	0.00	\$	98.03
Sundry GST Receipts	0.00	0.00	\$	-
Sleemans Centre Indoor Venue	0.00	0.00	\$	600.00
Unapplied Cash Payment Income	0.00	0.00	\$	-
Interest income	1,201.94	1,201.94	\$	6,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>A\$ 67,501.79</b>	<b>A\$ 67,501.79</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>73,938.03</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>A\$ 67,501.79</b>	<b>A\$ 67,501.79</b>		
<b>Expenses</b>				
Advertising/Promotional	0.00	0.00	\$	5,000.00
CASA Payments	0.00	0.00	\$	-
CFI - Instructor Refresher Courses	0.00	0.00	\$	2,000.00
Depreciation Expense	0.00	0.00		
Equipment Maintenance	0.00	0.00	\$	1,500.00
Honorariums	0.00	0.00	\$	18,000.00
Indoor Venue Hire	540.00	540.00	\$	2,400.00
Legal and professional fees	0.00	0.00	\$	1,900.00
MAAA Affiliation Fee	0.00	0.00	\$	10.00
MAAA Conference (MAAQ Extra Delegate)	0.00	0.00	\$	1,000.00
MAAA Membership Fees	74,454.54	74,454.54	\$	-
MAAQ Capital Expenses / Purchases	0.00	0.00	\$	5,000.00
MAAQ Committee Travel Expenses	0.00	0.00	\$	2,000.00
MAAQ Equipment Purchases	0.00	0.00	\$	-
Meeting Expenses	0.00	0.00	\$	-
Mileage Allowance Payments	0.00	0.00	\$	-
Postage & freight	0.00	0.00	\$	500.00
Printing, stationery & supplies	0.00	0.00	\$	500.00
Q Sport Membership	0.00	0.00	\$	-
Sponsorships	0.00	0.00	\$	-
Sundry Expenses	0.00	0.00	\$	-
TARMAC Lease Payment	0.00	0.00	\$	98.03
Taxes Paid	0.00	0.00	\$	7,000.00
Ongoing IT Expenses (Office 365)	0.00	0.00	\$	1,500.00
General & Admin Expenses / Contingency	0.00	0.00	\$	4,000.00
Trophies	0.00	0.00	\$	3,000.00
Website Costs	62.77	62.77	\$	700.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>A\$ 75,057.31</b>	<b>A\$ 75,057.31</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>56,108.03</b>
<b>Other Expenses</b>				
BAS Roundoff Gain or Loss	0.00	0.00	\$	-
MAAQ Trailer Purchase	187.50	187.50	\$	-
Membership Refund	0.00	0.00	\$	-
Club promotional events/fly-ins (up to \$2000)	0.00	0.00	\$	2,000.00
Club/SIG grants related to promotion (limit of \$500)	0.00	0.00	\$	5,000.00
Equipment/Improvement grants (in conjunction with MAAA grants programme)	909.09	909.09	\$	8,000.00
Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.00	0.00	\$	-
General Promotion Fund	0.00	0.00	\$	3,000.00
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>A\$ 1,096.59</b>	<b>A\$ 1,096.59</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>18,000.00</b>
<b>Net Earnings</b>	<b>-A\$ 8,652.11</b>	<b>-A\$ 8,652.11</b>	<b>-\$</b>	<b>170.00</b>

Note: MAAA/MAAQ fees are shown in the budget as the net amount as income and zero in expenses.

## Appendix C – Registrar Report



**MODEL AERONAUTICAL ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND INC  
REGISTRAR'S REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 2025 TO 15 AUGUST 2025**

**Club and Membership Renewals for 2025/26**

**Clubs**

Member Clubs 60

**New Members**

Seniors 39

Juniors 13

**Memberships**

Seniors 1568

Juniors 78

Life Members MAAA 0

Life Members MAAQ 2

**TOTAL 1648**

**Life Members - MAAQ**

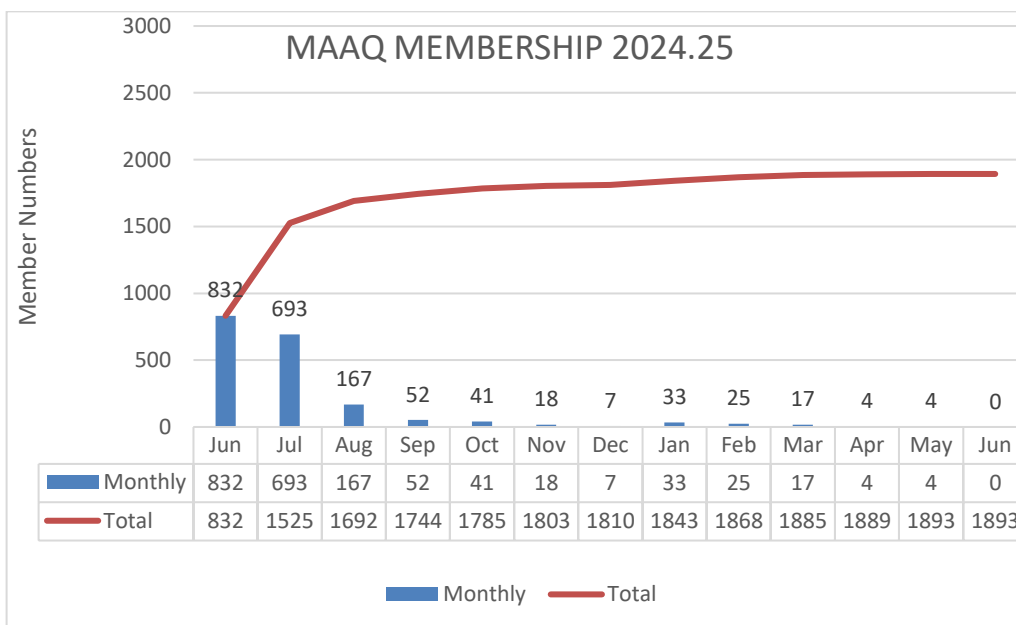
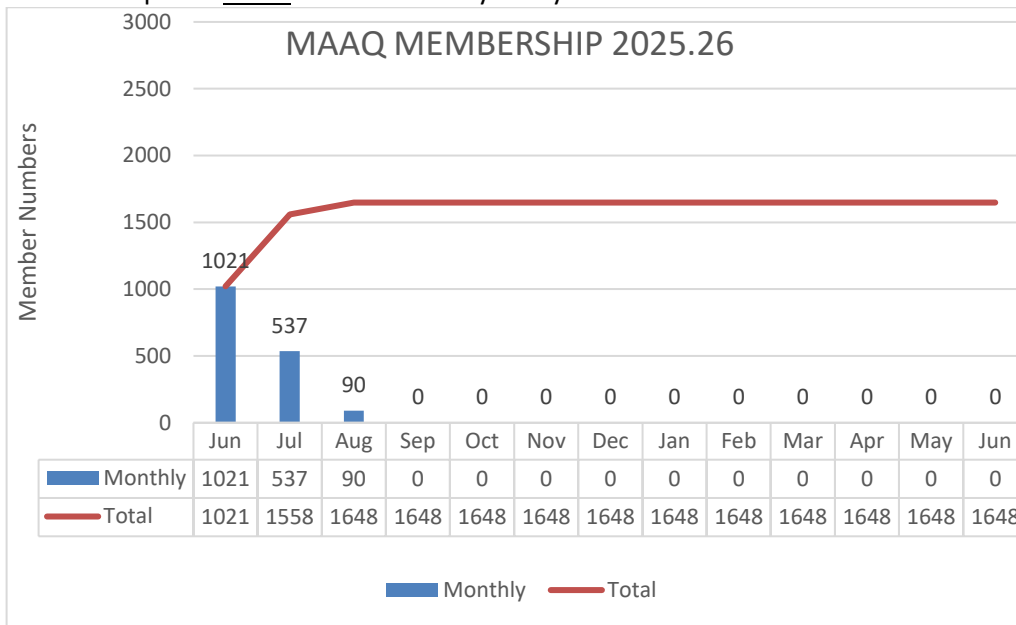
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Doug Moody 16297

Pawel Sagadak 24172

**Life Members - MAAA**

Memberships are down same time last year by 4.7% as indicated below.



Randall Mowlam

Registrar MAAQ  
15 August 2025