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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President: Neil Tank



IT'S BEEN FOUR MONTHS SINCE THE ANNUAL COUNCIL CONFERENCE AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS HAVE BEEN COMING IN THICK AND FAST WITH NUMBERS ALREADY HIGHER THAN THIS TIME LAST YEAR. THANKS TO ALL FOR BEING PROMPT WITH RENEWALS THIS YEAR.

## Distributed over \$150,000 to clubs

This year a total of 16 clubs benefitted from the 2015/16 club assistance scheme, each receiving a sum of up to \$5500 to help with projects designed to improve facilities. The scheme is open to all MAAA affiliated clubs and has distributed over \$150,000 to clubs in the three years it has been operating, something not many associations can boast. If your club has never sought assistance start identifying projects now that might qualify.

Keeping members up to date with issues affecting our sport is one of the top priorities of the MAAA Executive and we rely on having up to date contact details to do that. Help us keep our email database up to date by checking your own personal details and make sure the email address we have on file for you is correct. You can contact your state registrar who will be happy to assist if you are not sure how to do this.

## Collaboration across states

I recently joined three members from Model Aerosport South Australia (MASA) to deliver an instructors training course in Tasmania. MASA recently developed a variation of the MAAA two day instructors' training assessment course; this one day course utilises a flight simulator as a training aid and learning through group dynamics. We delivered two courses, one in Hobart and one in Launceston, and overall feedback was positive. The course will be developed further and presented at the next Council Conference.

## Recognition of Service for Bob Vigars

In the previous issue of Wingspan, we featured an article on the Alice Spring Aviation Museum, set up by Bob Vigars. I was delighted to visit Bob recently and present him with the MAAA Service Medallion.

► **REMEMBER, IF YOUR CLUB IS INVITING MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO AN EVENT, FEEL FREE TO ADVERTISE IT ON THE MAAA WEBSITE!**

Go to: <http://www.maaa.asn.au> to add your event.

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Bob Vigars with his MAAA Service Medallion



I also took the opportunity to visit the two aeromodelling clubs in the area and my wife Gail and I were treated to the hospitality of the local aeromodellers at a joint club dinner, thank you all for a wonderful evening.

10,000 visitors pass through the museum every year and I highly recommend a visit to all MAAA members. Stay for two or three days and experience first-hand the thrill of flying in the centre of Australia, I did and I loved every minute of it.

## FPV Drone National Championships

The MAAA welcomes the latest National Special Interest Group, FPV Racing. Over the weekend of August 19 – 21 the first ever FPV Drone National Championships were held on the Gold Coast. The event was a great success and gained Australia wide media coverage. For more information on this addition to our sport, contact Tighe Brown; [info@afpvra.org](mailto:info@afpvra.org). We look forward to seeing how the top five winners compete at second World

Championships in Hawaii this October where 30 nations are competing in a six day event, with \$200,000 in prizes as well as the title of World Champion up for grabs.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the members who competed in Lugo, Italy, at the F5B & F5D World Championships. The F5D Electric Pylon Racing team competed in harsh conditions, with the temperature reaching 38°C, but they still did Australia proud and placed second in their event.

Until next time, have a fun, safe flight.

Neil Tank  
President

## 2016 MEMBERS' SURVEY

Please take part in the MAAA 2016 Members' Survey. Last year's survey produced some fantastic results and insights! Once again we want to hear your views on the future of aeromodelling across the country. The survey will close 30 September.

Go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2016MAAA> and have your say for your chance to win one of five \$50 vouchers.

# SAFETY FIRST

KNOW THE RULES TO STAY SAFE IN BUSY SKIES

Check out the video at [maaa.asn.au/drones](http://maaa.asn.au/drones) and learn how to stay safe in the skies every time you fly.



More and more Aussies are getting tuned in to the thrills of flying remote-controlled or unmanned aircraft; it's a fun and a relatively affordable way to take to the skies.

Whether it's thanks to the recent rise in popularity of drones, or the next generation of aeromodellers, the skies are getting busier, which means it's more important than ever to stick to a few simple rules issued by CASA and keep the skies safe for everyone.

Flying safely is about being in control which means you need to keep your aircraft in your line-of-sight at all times, and only fly in daylight.

Avoid potential collisions by keeping at least 30 metres between your aircraft and other vehicles such as boats or planes, and buildings.

It's also important to keep people safe and respect privacy so avoid busy areas like beaches, parks or sports ovals, and don't fly over people's backyards.

To minimise the risk of incidents with other planes, you need to keep your aircraft below 400 feet, or 120 metres if you fly in controlled airspace, which covers most Australian cities. Flying within 5.5km of an airfield is also forbidden for the same reason.

And finally remember that if you are planning to fly for business not pleasure you need a licence from CASA.

## RULES TO FLY BY

### Rules for Drones to Fly By - Fly in control at all times

- Only fly during daylight hours and avoid fog and clouds
- Keep your aircraft in sight at all times
- Stay at least 30 metres away from vehicles, boats, buildings or people
- Avoid heavily populated areas such as parks or beaches
- Fly under 400 feet (120 metres) in controlled airspace such as city skies
- Stay at least 5.5km away from airfields and aerodromes

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# THE 2016 LUSKINTYRE RC SCALE FESTIVAL

THE 2016 LUSKINTYRE RC SCALE FESTIVAL WILL BE AN ACTION PACKED THREE-DAY EVENT, TAKING PLACE IN THE BEAUTIFUL HUNTER VALLEY. MEMBERS WILL ENJOY AN EXCLUSIVE MEMBER DAY ON FRIDAY 28 OCTOBER BEFORE THE FESTIVAL IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON 29 AND 30 OCTOBER. IT'S SET TO BE A THRILLING WEEKEND, WITH PLENTY OF ENTERTAINMENT FOR ENTHUSIASTS AND AMATEURS ALIKE.

The Festival is being run by the Flying Scale Aircraft Association of New South Wales and is supporting the local Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service. It will be an aerial extravaganza, with the best of the best on view, from world class pilots to some of the best models in the world. Come along to fly and enjoy the camaraderie with fellow modellers.

Models on display include RC scale planes from all eras, which are perhaps the most realistic form of aeromodelling and give us a great insight into aviation history. Scale jets are as equally exhilarating to fly

as they are to watch and showcase the skills and knowledge of the pilot. Other models will be on display including gliders and floatplanes. There will be three separate flight lines and a swap meet.

Register now to fly on the day, or book your tickets to attend. Either way, you'll get to enjoy the idyllic Hunter Valley and enjoy some like-minded company. Don't miss the electric atmosphere, fantastic entertainment and fun for enthusiasts and families alike.

Visit <http://www.rcscalefest.com.au>

**Venue:**  
Luskintyre Airfield, Hunter Valley

**When:**  
Friday 28 October –  
Sunday 30 October

**Ticket Prices**  
**Aeromodellers**  
\$65 for early bird tickets  
(must be purchased by 4 October)  
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# AUSTRALIAN MODEL FLYING DAY

GOT NEPHEWS, NIECES, GRANDKIDS OR YOUR OWN KIDS THAT YOU'D LIKE TO GET INTO AERO MODELLING? THEN THE 2016 AUSTRALIAN MODEL FLYING DAY IS THE PERFECT FAMILY DAY OUT TO GIVE THEM A TASTE OF THE THRILL OF OUR SPORT!

Being held over the weekend of 22-23 October this year, the MAAA is hosting this great event which also supports the Royal Flying Doctor Service Australia.

MAAA President Neil Tank encourages local clubs to support the annual event by holding their own local events, as it's important to get more Australians involved in our great sport.

"Flying a model aircraft is a fast-growing family sport and this event's wide range of activities help the wider community learn

more about the sport while giving members a great day out," said Neil.

"We need to showcase high-speed pylon racing jet planes, gliders and helicopters to the younger generation, and let them experience the adrenalin rush and thrill of flight".

The Australian Model Flying Day will take place at various locations across the country on 22-23 October. The entry fee is a \$5 badge and all proceeds raised go directly to the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

So how do you take part? Plan an event (a club flying day or even a fundraising BBQ) for one day on the weekend of 22-23 October. Then register your club's event with the MAAA Secretary ([secretary@maaa.asn.au](mailto:secretary@maaa.asn.au)) and advise how many members you believe will attend. You'll then receive 2016 MAAA Australian Model Flying Day badges. Encourage club members and the public to come along and enjoy the day!





# MEMBER NEWS

## SKY'S THE LIMIT

MAAA MEMBER ROBERT HAIG WAS INSPIRED BY A FLIGHT WITH RED BULL AIR RACE PILOT MATT HALL

Robert Haig, or Bobby to his mates, has been a member of the Gladstone Model Aero Club in Queensland since he started aeromodelling in 2010.

He loves the challenge of learning new skills, especially the mechanical side of assembling planes, and has put together a **Top Flite Giant P-51 Mustang** and a **25% Bill Hempel Super Decathlon**.

In 2011 he bought a **Composite-ARF Extra 330L** and it wasn't long before he was upgrading the original ZDZ50cc engine to a DA 60.

In 2014 Bobby's wife bought him a cockpit flight with Matt Hall, Australia's Red Bull Air Race pilot, at their local Raglan Air Show. It was an

amazing experience that inspired him to attempt a scale colour scheme of the plane he flew in.

"It was pretty intense but after 20 minutes I was green... our local paper wanted to interview me, I could barely talk after."

As a bit of a perfectionist and with no spray gun experience it took Bobby 10 months to finish. But he did... just in time for Matt Hall's return to the Raglan Air Show.

"I actually held off flying it for a month because I was waiting for Matt Hall to come back."

Matt was amazed by the attention to detail and signed a small plaque that's now inside the plane.

The maiden flight eventually took place at the Bundaberg Aeromodellers where he says it performed well and looked great in the air. Another scale warbird is next on the list.

As a regular at Gladstone Bobby enjoys the freedom that aeromodelling brings.

"I really enjoy the social part of being in a club. It's a chance to forget we're adults and leave our grown up responsibilities behind."

# MY JOURNEY TO BRONZE WINGS

By David Stevens



LEARNING TO FLY AN RC PLANE IS A BIT LIKE LEARNING TO DRIVE A CAR. IT CAN BE DAUNTING AT FIRST, REQUIRES A LOT OF PRACTICE AND THERE ARE CONSEQUENCES IF YOU CRASH. HOWEVER, ONCE YOU'VE LEARNT THE BASICS IT IS VERY REWARDING AND THE SKY IS LITERALLY THE LIMIT IN TERMS OF HOW FAR YOU CAN GO WITHIN THE HOBBY.

There is the satisfaction of learning new manoeuvres, the enjoyment of building a kit, the fun of adding to your plane collection (some might say addiction) and the camaraderie of your local club.

If you are interested in competition there are many different types including fun fly events, scale, aerobatic, pylon racing and more.

I have driven RC cars competitively for many years but my forays into

RC planes always ended with a quick trip to the "scene of the accident" at my local park. After wasting a lot of money trying to teach myself to fly over the years, a friend suggested I visit my local flying field which is Doncaster Aeromodellers Club (DAC) [www.dac.org.au](http://www.dac.org.au).

I was surprised to learn that if I bought my own equipment and joined the club that a licenced instructor would teach me to fly for free.

David Stevens joined DAC only in January this year and has detailed his five-month journey to bronze wings in a special blog post that you can read on the [MAAA website](http://www.maaa.org.au)

Thank you to David to providing his fantastic story.

## INTERESTED IN BUILDING A CONVAIR CV – 240M MODEL?

The Trans-Australia Airlines (TAA) Museum is looking for MAAA members to help build a Convair CV – 240.

TAA flew Convair aircraft in the 1950's and even flew Queen Elizabeth around when she visited Australia in 1956.

This large model is not required to fly, allowing the build to be less technical and difficult overall. The build will be a balsa wood construction and will be approximately 1/14 to scale.

The Trans-Australia Airlines Museum is the only aviation museum dedicated to the preservation of Australia's domestic aviation development. Primarily focusing on TAA and other Australian airlines, the collection is unique, and as such is recognised by QANTAS through its financial support.

If you would like to help the TAA museum continue preserving the great legacy of TAA and Australia's aviation history,

please contact John Wren.

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**TAA & Australian Airlines 25 Year Club & Museum**

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# FLYING IN FAR FLUNG DESTINATIONS

By David and Toni Axon

David Axon's love of aeromodelling began back in the UK in 1953 with control line and free flight. After immigrating to Melbourne to work for TAA (now part of Qantas) he started flying radio control in the 1970s.

Around 1980 David started pylon racing and when the first international event was held in the USA in 1985 he travelled as the team manager, a position he held until 1999, sowing the seeds of his two great passions.

Toni Axon started control line scale modelling in Queensland back in 1967. A one-time winner of the National Championships, she also spent 11 years administering control line competitions in the Brisbane area.

Toni and David's shared love of pylon racing and travelling has taken them to the World Championships in Austria and the USA three times, the Czech Republic three times, Sweden, France, Germany, and the Netherlands. With no plans to stop soon, Sweden in 2017 is next on the list.

For David and Toni travelling overseas is about more than just flying in exotic locations, though David admits the thrill from flying over the Pyrenees in France one year was immense.

Seeing the world and being welcomed as part of the aeromodelling fraternity is what makes their travels special.

"In 1999, in Germany, we became friendly with the owner of the hotel and his fiancée. They invited us to their wedding in 2014... a great event," recalls David.

They are both actively involved in the Melton Model Aircraft Association, where David is president and Toni is on the committee. As well as raising funds, they promote this great club with an annual open day that includes lolly drops for the kids, as well as a chance for David to fly a few unusual aircraft including an iron and a Michelin man on wheels.

## MEMBER SURVEY

### Proposing a new aeromodelling museum in Australia.

At the 2016 annual MAAA conference, a proposal for creating a new aeromodelling museum in Australia was discussed. The MAAA would appreciate hearing your thoughts on the possible benefits of creating a museum, where it could be located, and what it could include.

#### About the survey

This short survey will take less than 5 minutes to complete. Members can begin the survey by visiting the following web address:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MAAAMuseum>

For your views to be included in the survey, you will need to complete the survey by Friday 16 September 2016.

The MAAA thanks you for taking time out of your busy day to give us your feedback.





# A SPORT FOR EVERY ABILITY

AEROMODELLING IS A SPORT THAT EVERYONE CAN ENJOY, JUST ASK LORNE AUSTIN.

Lorne flies his scale model Nieuport 28 C.1, a French bi-plane fighter aircraft flown during World War 1, at the Tingalpa Model Aero Club in Queensland where he's been a member on and off since 1998.

The Nieuport 28 is Lorne's biggest project to date. Having spent the last few years building and flying smaller model aircraft, he was persuaded by his brother to scale up. It was worth making the leap as he recently took home 3rd place in the Pilot's Choice at the Tingalpa Budget Hobbies Scale Day. It's not the first trophy he's won at the club, or his first for building models.

Lorne's achievements are impressive for any pilot, but especially for Lorne as he has Asperger's Syndrome and despite, or maybe because of his disability, building and flying scale aircraft is just one of Lorne's many passions. He also cuts gem stones, and has

been a member of his gem club for over 20 years, regularly going on field trips. Lorne also breeds small birds, makes fishing lines, rods and lures, he has a boat, and he belongs to an archery club.

When Lorne's not pursuing one of his many hobbies, he works part-time from home splicing rope and making ladders for a company that makes childrens' playground accessories.

Lorne didn't grow up wanting to be a pilot, he was more interested in dinosaurs as a kid, but he loves working with his hands and is artistic. Combined with a perfectionist streak he has the patience and temperament to build scale aircraft and it quickly grew to be something he loves.

Flying was the next logical step and something Lorne thought would be fun, and something he finds relaxing, though taking his new plane out for the first time a

couple of months ago was a nerve-racking affair.

Known for his skill and patience Lorne has even helped out and completed a few partially-built aircraft for others who haven't quite managed to get them finished.

Familiarity and routine are important for someone with Asperger's and thanks to the support of his family and the Tingalpa Club Lorne is able to fly his model aircraft every week, something his dad Des is grateful for.

"They've done a lot for him. When they come up and talk to him about planes I feel a bit proud."



# MANAGEMENT MATTERS

## THE BEST FLIGHT SCHOOL IN AUSTRALIA.

MAAA membership is more than just a chance to share your passion with like-minded friends.

Membership of the MAAA brings access to the collective knowledge of thousands of members who freely share their skills with newcomers and veterans alike to make them better pilots and keep the skies safe for all.

### Wings

The MAAA recommends newcomers take advantage of the best aeronautical flight school in Australia and get their 'Wings'. As well as making better pilots, 'Wings' are the starting point for any further qualifications in model aeronautics. Although not mandatory in terms of MAAA policy, many clubs have formalised this training as a requirement for new members.

New pilots learning to fly are put forward by their instructor for assessment once they are skilled enough to fly solo. Bronze and Silver Wings follow the same manoeuvres for aircraft of different weight and Gold Wings are a higher standard of proficiency.

### Flight Instructor

Becoming an instructor isn't about being a good pilot: it's about being a good teacher. When a club decides it needs a new instructor they will recommend a candidate, who must already be qualified to Gold Wing standard, to the State Association for training.

Courses are conducted by State Flying Instructors who are experienced club instructors who have been nominated for the role.

The importance of training was demonstrated recently when the South Australian Association (MASA) went above and beyond, sending a team to Tasmania to conduct 'train the trainer' courses in Hobart and Launceston because the local clubs didn't have the resources.

As MAAA Secretary Kevin Dodd says: "instructors are different because they are interested enough to want to go and do the training".

### Aircraft Inspector

An inspector's role is to make sure every large or gas-turbine engine powered aircraft is sky-worthy, and certify them as such.

Inspectors are appointed by a club's executive after reviewing their flying resume to assess capability. Inspectors need at least five years' experience constructing and operating large aircraft, more if the aircraft are considered 'giant'. Inspectors must also renew their qualifications every three years.

Details about all levels of our qualifications can be found in The MAAA Manual of Operating Procedures on our website.

There are currently over 1200 instructors and 900 inspectors and the MAAA is privileged to have such a dedicated bunch of volunteers who regularly give up their time for other members at no extra cost.

Find out more about Bronze Wings from our recent instructor [Q&A here](#), and submit your videos to [editor@maaa.asn.au](mailto:editor@maaa.asn.au) to share your Bronze Wings success stories.

# METHANOL VS UNLEADED

## FUEL

IF YOU'VE EVER CONSIDERED CONVERTING A GLOW STYLE ENGINE FROM RUNNING ON METHANOL TO UNLEADED FUEL, THEN MAAA INSTRUCTOR ANDREW BARRETT'S TEST PROJECT WILL BE OF INTEREST TO YOU...

By Andrew Barrett

### The ingredients

1 x ASP 120 Four stroke  
 1 x Rexcl ignition unit  
 1 x 1/4x32 Me8 spark plug  
 1 x 30mm hose clamp  
 20:1 unleaded fuel

### The prep work

"After reading several reviews of glow style engines running on unleaded fuels, my interest was sparked to try a conversion of a glow engine to run on 20:1

unleaded fuel. The promise of better economy and less methanol induced bearing changes seemed too good to be true.

A little research proved that the conversion was not only possible but had been accomplished by many modellers over the years with seemingly little effort or modification but for whatever reason the exact setup and tuning details were smoky at best. Easy

access to auto advance ignition units makes the conversion process almost plug and play. I even found several local modellers who were running similar conversions on both glow and unleaded fuels with promising results. The only warnings were about poor midrange carburetion and heat control.

My aim was to set up my brand new ASP 120 four stroke for testing, but

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still be able to be returned to glow operation if the testing proved unreliable. Needless to say the engine has still not seen a drop of methanol.

## The conversion

The most involved part of the conversion was the installation of a small magnet in the prop driver. If you can drill a straight hole this should not be a problem. My engine was sourced second hand so voiding the warranty was not an issue for me. The hall sensor is then glued with a high heat epoxy to a suitable sized hose clamp. The hose clamp provides the spark timing adjustment. The remainder really is plug and play.

The testing provided positive results. After adjusting the hall sensor timing I was pleasantly surprised. With a 16x6 Master Airscrew prop I was achieving a top RPM of 7800 and an idle of 1350.

Yes, I even had die hard electric enthusiasts stopping to admire the idle. I have only run about two litres of fuel through the engine to date, so I imagine the top RPM may improve slightly.

I chose not to fit a pumped Walbro style carburettor because I am not bothered by the poor transition. It does not affect engine reliability. My engine has only stopped when the tank has run dry or when the ignition is turned off. To avoid overheating I have mounted the engine so the cylinder head is as exposed to as much airflow as possible. In fact, I have not encountered any overheating, noticeable discolouration or fuel vaporisation to date.

## The verdict

The 55-inch wingspan Ultimate 10-300 (120-140 size) flies very well with this newly converted engine. Initial reservations about

the reduction of power from the unleaded fuel were unjustified, even with the slightly reduced top RPM compared to glow fuel operation. The Ultimate is very suitably powered and is capable of smooth aerobatics including knife edge and large loops if a pattern style use of inertia is maintained. It's no 3D machine, but that was never the aim.

Would I recommend the conversion? Yes I would. The minor challenges were easily resolved and a 1350 RPM reliable idle makes it so worthwhile."

By Andrew Barrett

# OUT & ABOUT



## RAGLAN CELEBRATES 25 YEARS OF FANTASTIC FLY-INS

THE OLD STATION NEAR RAGLAN IN WESTERN QUEENSLAND ONCE AGAIN PLAYED HOST TO THE OLD STATION FLY-IN AND HERITAGE SHOW FROM 25TH TO 27TH MAY THIS YEAR, RAISING VITAL FUNDS FOR THE RACQ CAPRICORN HELICOPTER RESCUE SERVICE.

Now in its 25th year, the show is held on the fourth weekend in May and is organised by the Old Station Flying Club. The airstrip is part of a working Brahman cattle station owned and operated by the Creed family for generations.

This aeronautical spectacle is a chance for enthusiasts to get up close and personal with a wide variety of aircraft and heritage vehicles. Barbeque smells battle it out with the aroma of aviation fuel, and the sounds of country music fight to be heard over the roar of aircraft engines.

MAAA member and local, Bobby Haigh, has been to the show for the last three years and loves the chance to get a bit more hands-on.

“This is the only event I have been to where you can walk amongst all the vehicles and aircraft and everyone including the pilots is very friendly.”

Enthusiasts are spoiled for choice and this year was no exception, showcasing everything from small gyrocopters, helicopters, crop dusters, and ultralights up to warbirds and even a couple of small jets.

The show also featured spectacular air displays from the Red Bull Air Race Team Pilot, Matt Hall in his two-seater air racer, the Extra 330L, and aerobatic pilot Paul Bennett in his TBM Avenger.

A few brave souls, including Bobby, got even closer by joining Matt in his aircraft for a ‘joy-flight’.

Back on terra firma there was a truck show, a vintage tractor pull, a chainsaw competition, childrens’ entertainment, a fashion parade, as well as a bonfire and fireworks display on Saturday night.

To find out more about this fantastic event visit the event Facebook Page [here](#).

Visit the Old Station Flying Club Facebook Page [here](#).

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MAAA Instructor Warren Hathaway congratulating Bill Robson (left) and presenting him with his certificate.



# HAVE A GO DAY

THE QUEENSLAND CALVERT RADIO AERO MODELLERS SOCIETY (CRAMS) GAVE THE LOCAL IPSWICH COMMUNITY A CHANCE TO 'HAVE A GO' AT FLYING RADIO CONTROLLED PLANES.

Another successful 'Have a Go Day' showcased the true spirit of MAAA members and their local clubs. In July the Queensland Calvert Radio Aero Modellers Society (CRAMS) gave the local Ipswich community a chance to 'have a go' at flying radio controlled planes. Local modellers, pilots and enthusiasts were on deck to explain the different types of planes and flying techniques.

Both children and adults, from 10 to 67 years of age experienced first hand the thrill of flight and the welcoming camaraderie of the Calvert club. While CRAMS members enjoyed sharing their love for flying, knowledge and experiences with the local community. It was great to see locals, like 67-year-old, Bill Robson, dust off the cobwebs and pick up the controls

after a 30-year break. Bill had not lost his touch and showed off his strong skills with 10 minutes of unassisted flying.

Thank you to the great work of CRAMS for promoting our sport in their local community and encouraging potential new members to join and experience the fun of flying.

## DIARY DATES

### Dates for your diary

#### Australian Model Flying Day

22-23 October 2016

#### Luskintyre RC Scale Festival

28 – 30 October 2016

Add your club event to the MAAA [website!](#)

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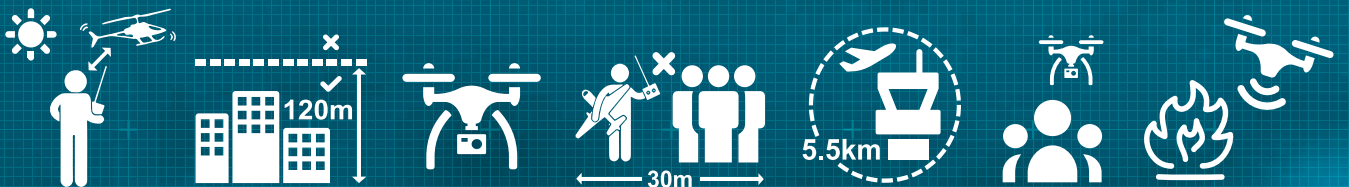


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