

Newsletter

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Correspondence

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Next Meeting

Monday, July 21
8pm at the Clubhouse

Thank you

Thanks to those who continue to keep the field mowed!

Special thanks to those who have quietly helped clean up the Clubhouse and surrounds. Three special mentions go to Ray Halstead and Barry Taylor for tidying the clubroom, and David Keynton for attacking the grass edges with a whipper-snipper!



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Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held at the Clubhouse on Monday July 21. The evening will follow the usual format of:

- Normal semi-monthly Club Meeting
- AGM and Committee elections
- Auction and pizzas

Committee Elections

The Committee plays an important role in the governance and development of the Club – and the elections are your opportunity to get involved. Nomination forms are attached.

One very important role we need to fill is Newsletter Editor. The current group will continue to maintain the web site, but do not have time to do that and the Newsletter.

Membership Renewal

The membership renewal form is attached. The MAAA have pushed hard to secure insurance, including member-to-member, and only made the final decision on Sunday night. The delay was in getting quotations from insurers, and outside the control of the MAAA.

As you will note from the form, the underlying insurance premium has increased substantially as a result of the pressure throughout the insurance industry.

Fees are due and payable by June 30 – so get them in fast. Given we have only just received the insurance rates we have not had time to fill in the current details we have for you on the form. Please complete all the details (including middle name, date of birth and current email address if available), check carefully, add payment, and get to us as soon as possible.

President's Corner

It is that time of the year again – a stunning green field and our favourite north-westerly wind to challenge our flying (or is that landing) skills.

Hearty congratulations to the VMAA Trophy team, led by Cliff Mclver, who completed a hat trick of wins for the club back in April – this time with 35.5 out of a possible 36 points!

VMAA team results by DAC members were as follows:

- 7-cell glider – won by Neil Spencer, a great pay-off for the time Neil puts in organising and competing in the monthly competition at DAC.
- Fun scale – won by Noel Whitehead, one of our scale modellers who competes regularly at international level.
- Fun fly – won by Cliff Mclver, his speciality event.
- Old Timer Duration – won by Kevin Fryer with an excellent (and somewhat blessed) final flight.
- Musical Landing – 2nd place to Boz Student, with slow and steady paying off again (as far as that is possible in musical landings), along with some ingenious engineering

- Scale Aerobatics – 2nd place to Daniel Travassaros. This was a great effort for a junior to come second, particularly since first place went to an Expert rated aerobatics flyer.
- Club Racing – 4th place to Graham Kay, an excellent result in an event we never get to practice, and with perfectly standard equipment.
- Thermal glider – Stan Newell competed, but confusion over which model was ours led to a lost model and no placing
- Most unusual flying object – we did not compete in this one.

This was a great result – lets start planning for making it four in a row next year.

We are well aware the membership renewal has been sent out very late this year given it is due by July 1. We appreciate you doing your best to get the form and subscription back immediately. The delay has been in the MAAA getting satisfactory quotes from insurers.

Hope to see you at the AGM.

David Gibbs

Committee Contacts

President:

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Cliff Mclver – 9850 4478

Secretary:

David Keynton – 9885 7318

Registrar:

Graham Kay – 9842 8777

Safety Officer:

Nik Daud – 9857 6353

Committee Members:

Neil Spencer (mainly electric)

Colin Kahn (electric and scale)

David Nobes (control line)

Dennis Travassaros (sport and aerobatics)

More details and latest news on developments within the Club can be found at our website:

www.dac.org.au



Nomination Form

I would like to nominate
(name)

for the position of
(position)

Proposer
(your name) (your signature)

Secunder
(secunder's name) (secunder's signature)

Nomination Consented
(nominee's name) (nominee's signature)

PROXY NOMINATION

As I will be absent from the 2003 Annual General Meeting of DAC , I hereby authorise:-

.....
(proxy holder's name)

to vote as my proxy.

.....
(your name) (your signature)

Committee Positions:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer/Registrar
- Safety Officer — Sundays/IC
- Safety Officer — Saturdays/Electric
- Contest Director
- Newsletter Editor
- Ordinary Members (3)*.

NOTE: Ordinary Members who are able to represent Special Interest Groups, specifically glider, electric and control-line, are particularly encouraged to stand for committee membership.

To be posted or hand-delivered to reach the Treasurer no later than 8:00pm on 18th July 2003
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