



**Minutes
Model Aeronautical
Association of Australia
Annual Conference
May 18 & 19, 2024
Sydney**

NOTE: AGENDA ITEMS WERE NOT ALWAYS DISCUSSED IN THE ORDER LISTED

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1 Attendees:

1.1 Attendance List:

<u>Executive</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Carl Bizon	Incoming President	Saturday May 18 & Sunday May 19
Michael Hobson	Vice President	Saturday May 18 & Sunday May 19
Gary Pope	Treasurer	Saturday May 18 & Sunday May 19
Mitch Bannink	Safety Manager	Saturday May 18 & Sunday May 19
Tim Nolan	Outgoing President	Apology
<u>Other</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Keith Quigg	Member Services	Saturday May 18 & Sunday May 19
David Lewis	Federal Registrar	Saturday May 18 & Sunday May 19
Rhyll McCormack	Federal Secretary	Saturday May 18 & Sunday May 19

ORDINARY MEMBER	POSITION	ATTENDANCE
MASA		
Jeff Ramsay	Treasurer	Saturday May 18 & Sunday May 19
MAAQ		
Mick Dallman	President	Saturday May 18 & Sunday May 19
Craig Burkhardt	Vice President	Saturday May 18 & Sunday May 19
ACTAA		
Trevor Dalziell	Secretary	Saturday May 18 & Sunday May 19
ANSW		
Dino Riebolge	Vice President	Saturday May 18 & Sunday May 19
Stephen Norrie	Treasurer	Saturday May 18 & Sunday May 19
Rob Masters	Magazine Editor	Saturday May 18 & Sunday May 19
VMAA		
Reeve March	President	Saturday May 18 & Sunday May 19
Arthur Bablis	Treasurer	Saturday May 18 & Sunday May 19
Joe Finnocchiaro	Secretary	Saturday May 18 & Sunday May 19
TMAA		
Michael Rutledge	President	Saturday May 18 & Sunday May 19
Tony Sheppard	Secretary	Saturday May 18 & Sunday May 19
ANT		
Ray Younger	President	Saturday May 18 & Sunday May 19
Greg Turnbull	Registrar	Saturday May 18 & Sunday May 19
NSWCLAS		
Michael Comiskey	Vice President	Saturday May 18 & Sunday May 19
NSWFF		
Roy Summersby	Acting President	Saturday May 18 & Sunday May 19
AWA		
David Rose	President	Saturday May 18 & Sunday May 19
Eric Bevan	Treasurer	Saturday May 18 & Sunday May 19
Peter Bryner	Area Approvals	Saturday May 18 & Sunday May 19

*individuals may be referenced by their initials in the minutes

1.2 Apologies: Clive Weatherhead, Rodney Clarke, Joan McIntyre, Gary Tansley, David Goode, Tim Nolan

1.3 Observers:

ORDINARY MEMBER	POSITION	ATTENDANCE
Michael Towell	Vice President NSWFFS	Saturday May 18 & Sunday May 19
David Kennedy	Member Jungle	Saturday May 18 & Sunday May 19
David Mifsud	President MASA	Saturday May 18 & Sunday May 19

CONFERENCE OPENED 9am Saturday

2. Opening of conference	MAAA Vice President MH opened the meeting and confirmed a quorum was present.																				
3. 2024 Conference Procedures	<p><u>3.1 Conduct of meeting:</u> The meeting was conducted in accordance with the Rules of Debate. Reports and attachments are available in the 2024 Conference Dropbox.</p> <p>All present were reminded to vote as a Council and not as a vested member of any Ordinary Member.</p> <p><u>3.2 Declaration of conflict of interest:</u> Nil declared.</p> <p><u>3.3 Voting proxies:</u> Nil</p> <p><u>3.4 Recognition of deceased members:</u> A minute's silence was observed for those members who have passed away in the last 12 months, including:</p> <table> <tbody> <tr> <td>Rodney Whittaker</td> <td>Bruce Eden</td> <td>Geoff Potter</td> <td>Phillip Rundle</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Steve Wenban</td> <td>David 'Dinga' Bell</td> <td>Colin Kennedy</td> <td>Kevin Stapp</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Oded Gordon</td> <td>Don White</td> <td>Peter Cook</td> <td>Kevin Howard</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Frank Sola</td> <td>Ted Knowles</td> <td>Mal Styles</td> <td>Warwick Gregory</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Paul Rossiter</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Rodney Whittaker	Bruce Eden	Geoff Potter	Phillip Rundle	Steve Wenban	David 'Dinga' Bell	Colin Kennedy	Kevin Stapp	Oded Gordon	Don White	Peter Cook	Kevin Howard	Frank Sola	Ted Knowles	Mal Styles	Warwick Gregory	Paul Rossiter			
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4. Review and acceptance of 2023 Council Conference Minutes	<p>Motion: The 2023 Council Conference Minutes are accepted as a true and correct record.</p> <p>Moved: MAAQ CB Second: AWA DR. Unanimous vote. Motion passed.</p>																				

5. Actions from previous Council Conference	<p>5.1 Action: MAAA Executive to create a set of principles on what MAAA owned land should achieve</p> <p>MAAA Exec will develop an overall review of currently owned properties that will include rent, insurance, lease and other relevant details.</p> <p>MAAA Exec will create a guide on what an MAAA owned field should offer to the membership as a minimum standard to help guide future purchase/retention of property.</p> <p>5.2 Action: MAAA Exec to create an update to Council structure that will include clear definitions of Council, Executive, Executive Council and the roles, responsibilities and expectations of all levels. Update to be provided to Council.</p> <p>MAAA Exec will undertake a review on the Statement of Rules with MH to provide a draft to Council.</p> <p>5.3 Action: MAAA Executive will investigate costs of setting up a charitable Organisation.</p> <p>General consensus to revisit set-up requirements and benefit analysis at a later date.</p> <p>Note: MAAA Exec acknowledged the lack of completed action items.</p>
6. Nomination of president	<p>President term 2024-2027</p> <p>Single nomination received from Carl Bizon.</p> <p>CB was asked to vacate the room during voting.</p> <p>The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>CB was confirmed as MAAA President for the 2024 – 2027 term.</p>
7. Insurance	<p><u>Presentation from VInsurance, Rob Veale.</u></p> <p>RV confirmed model cars, model boats and model steam train activity were covered under the MAAA Public Liability policy. Confirmed during a meeting between MAAA/VInsurance/Canopius.</p> <p>24-25 Insurance renewal covers the following policies: Personal Accident, Public Liability, Association Liability, Cyber Liability, Group Travel, Business Package.</p> <p>Total cost \$184817, representing an overall cost decline of 13.3%.</p> <p>RV will provide an MAAA members asset protection proposal</p>
8. Sport Integrity Australia	<p><u>Presentation from Cameron Boland.</u></p> <p>Presentation available to view. Please contact the Federal Secretary for details.</p>
9. MAAA Reports	<p>Reports available by contacting the Federal Secretary.</p> <p>The MAAA accepts the Executive, State, Field and NSIG reports as tabled.</p> <p>Note: A lack of adherence to reporting deadlines was noted, as was a request for more frequent reminders of deadlines/upload notification.</p>

10. Club Activity Program	<p><u>Presentation from Keith Quigg.</u> Report available by contacting the Federal Secretary.</p> <p>First year of program considered a success. Funds have allowed clubs to host better events/activities. Primary role of program should be to help clubs promote aeromodelling. Clubs should be expected to provide receipts and photos of event post-funding. If not provided they will be ineligible for future CAP funds.</p> <p>Action: CAP criteria to be reviewed (incoming Member Services officer). Action: All applications will be reviewed on a monthly basis by the MAAA Exec for final approval.</p>
11. 2023 Club Assistance Scheme	<p>Club Assistance Scheme applications were reviewed by MAAQ CB, RY and EB using the weighted criteria. Council and sub-committee members were provided only with de-identified applications. Any applications that have a total score of 2.5 or lower are considered ineligible. General agreement the de-identified applications and sub-committee were the most effective method to review applications impartially. CAS total spend noted in the budget of \$98,155 + GST.</p>
12. Financial Reports & budget	<p><u>Financial Reports & budget:</u></p> <p><u>12.1 Setting 2024-2025 budget:</u></p> <p>The budget is presented by the MAAA Executive. A full copy of the presented reports is available by contacting the Federal Secretary.</p> <p><u>Budget 24/25 key notes:</u> A 3% decline in membership forecast for FY25 Interest rates of 4.08 % for full year in FY25 FY24 Honoraria as per budget, no change for FY25</p> <p>Council accepts in principle up to \$3000 + GST will be made available to National Special Interest Groups for the running of a National title.</p> <p>Motion: The MAAA budget as presented is accepted. Moved: MAAA Exec. Second: AWA DR. Unanimous. Motion passed.</p> <p>Motion: The MAAA will engage Peter King as Auditor for the 24-25 year. Moved: MAAA Exec. Second: VMAA RM. Unanimous. Motion passed.</p> <p><u>12.2 Setting MAAA Membership fees:</u></p> <p>Motion: MAAA full membership fee will increase by \$5 in the 24/25 year. No increase for junior members. Moved: MAAA Exec. Second: AWA DR. MASA vote against. Motion passed.</p>

13. MAAA Elections and Appointment	<p><u>13.1 Nomination of Federal Registrar, Member Services Officer, CIAM Delegate:</u> Federal Registrar: Single nomination Dave Lewis. Confirmed for the 24/25 year. Member Services Officer: Single nomination David Kennedy. Confirmed for the 24/25 year. CIAM Delegate: Two nominations received Joe Finnochiaro & David Kennedy (David Kennedy withdrawn). Confirmed for the 24/25 year.</p> <p>Confirmation of: ASAC delegate: MAAA President. Confirmed for the 24/25 year. ASAC Alternate: MAAA Vice President. Confirmed for the 24/25 year.</p>
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14. MAAA Awards	<p><u>14.1 Hall of Fame nominations:</u> Geoff Potter admitted into the MAAA Hall of Fame.</p> <p>A further MAAA Hall of Fame nomination will be reviewed by Council following confirmation of details.</p> <p><u>14.2 Life Membership:</u> Neil Tank admitted onto the MAAA Life Membership roll.</p> <p><u>14.3 MAAA Merit:</u> The following Merit applications were successful:</p> <table> <tbody> <tr> <td>Bill Kent</td> <td>Shane & Della Oakes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Max Newcombe</td> <td>Simon Atkinson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>James McAllan</td> <td>Chrisse Gale</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Graeme Gale</td> <td>Ian Cartwright</td> </tr> <tr> <td>John Nicholas</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Bill Kent	Shane & Della Oakes	Max Newcombe	Simon Atkinson	James McAllan	Chrisse Gale	Graeme Gale	Ian Cartwright	John Nicholas	
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15. Major Events	Call to the floor for major events. Nil.										
16. Upcoming meetings:	<p><u>16.1 Special Council Finance meeting:</u> Date to be advised once auditor reports completed</p> <p><u>16.2 Date of 2025 Council Conference:</u> 2025 Conference will be held in Sydney, as agreed at the 2023 Conference.</p> <p>Motion: 2025 Conference will be held in Sydney on May 17 &18. Moved: MAAA Exec. Second: VMAA RM. Unanimous. Motion passed.</p>										
17. Area Approvals:	<p><u>Presentation from Mitch Bannink</u></p> <p><u>Area approval notes:</u> More than 1/3 of all MAAA Clubs have had interaction with their State/MAAA re Area Approvals in the last 12 months Changed requirement: no CASA approval necessary to operate from an uncontrolled airport in Class G Airspace below 400ft 38 Like for Like renewals issued / under review / in progress 76 instruments within AVCRM at various stages of approval/approved Clubs/States to cease direct contact with CASA</p>										

	<p><u>18.1 MAAQ Motion: Mick Dallman</u> Documentation available by contacting the Federal Secretary.</p> <p>Motion: That MAAA employ an 'Air Space Manager' (or other name as deemed appropriate) to directly assist clubs with the preparation of Area Approval applications and act as a liaison between clubs, MAAA, CASA and other bodies with respect to all matters relating to the use of Air Space. <i>The motion was withdrawn by the MAAQ. No further action taken.</i></p> <p><u>18.2 MAAQ Motion: Mick Dallman</u> Documentation available by contacting the Federal Secretary.</p> <p>Proposal: Purchase and distribute 10 AEDs and supply them to QLD clubs on an as needed basis after a brief submission from the requesting club with statistical analysis of their situation. <i>The motion was withdrawn by the MAAQ. No further action taken.</i></p> <p><u>18.3 ANSW Motion: Dino Riebolge</u></p> <p>ANSW members requested the following be presented at MAAA Conference to minimise conflict of interest. General discussion: individual states could implement a rule if required.</p> <p>Motion: That nobody should simultaneously hold a role on the MAAA executive and a committee role at a state or territory body or other ordinary member of MAAA. Moved: ANSW DR. Seconded: None. Motion lapsed.</p> <p>Motion: That the rule preventing reapplication for club assistance within 3 years of a previous CAS payment be reintroduced. <i>The motion was withdrawn by ANSW due to CAS criteria expansion. No further action needed.</i></p>
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	<p style="text-align: center;">CONFRENCE DAY 2 8.30 AM</p> <p><u>19. Member Jungle update</u></p> <p><u>Presentation from Mick Dallman</u></p> <p><u>Member Jungle notes:</u></p> <p>The system is ready pending data migration. State Registrars will drive the system. Onboarding work for State Registrars underway. Staged Go-Live from Monday June 3 where pilot clubs will use Member Jungle in parallel with the existing system. Only pilot clubs/members information will be migrated for this stage. The existing MAAA member database will remain active until full implementation The existing system will be made read only and can be accessed if required (by selected roles) to check historical information. Member Jungle team will advise on frequency of membership download information once full implementation is complete.</p>
20. CIAM Report	<p><u>Presentation from CIAM Delegate Joe Finnociaro</u></p> <p>Full list of technical experts provided. Issues with FAI communication and notification of events. MOP024 Re-write underway.</p>

21. MAAA Workshops	Workshop documentation is available from the Federal Secretary. Motion: Heavy Model Inspectors are permitted to certify their own models up to 25kg without the need for external certification, including gas turbines. Moved: Mitch Bannink Second: ANSW RM. Unanimous. Motion passed. Action: MOP015 and associated documentation to be updated to reflect changes. RM.
	CLOSE OF CONFERENCE 2.30pm Sunday May 19