

## MAAA Vice Presidents report 2021

It has been an interesting year learning just how much happens behind the scenes at the Executive level to keep our MAAA rolling along. The amount of work that Neil, Gary and Tyson get through to keep us flying is huge effort.

All State Associations must have all the enquiries going through their State Secretaries as 80% of Tyson's time could and should be dealt with at State level, to assist with this we will be running some training for State Secretaries so they can better help manage the enquiries from clubs and individual members.

We are well underway with the long-awaited MOP rewrite and with the continual changes coming from the Regulator these will continue to change. With the rewrite it will be in plain English and provide general guidance for clubs and members, using simple definitions and flow diagrams to assist. A key element of this will be development of using electronic forms via an App or similar to manage and complete all heavy, giant and turbine model permits. The system will also be used manage the wings system and accreditation/reaccreditation for both pilots and instructors. More details will become available as we develop the process and members will be asked to become Beta testers.

The rewrite of the MOPS is long overdue as many are very dated and do not reflect current practices and equipment.

The next MAAA strategic plan will be focused on our members and what they expect and need from us as the MAAA. Such as Area Approval, Height Exemptions, Public Displays, flying in restricted areas. Heavy and Giant models, FPV, night flying, insurance, availability of flying fields, club assistance scheme, advocacy with the Regulator, marketing and promotional material, competition support both locally, nationally and internationally.

There are some large challenges looming with CASA and area approvals/ height exemptions the MAAA Executive are managing these in collaboration with CASA to ensure that we can continue to operate in the manner that we have for many years, but it has been interesting to watch the behavior of many groups changing as their markets are shrinking and changing. This will present challenges and some great opportunities for us going forward, with new people coming onto the Executive we will be able to look at how we do business and look to have greater involvement from all of the working groups.

The inaugural MAAA/ANSW Casino Fly In event was conducted over the Easter period and was a great success despite the rain. See separate report. Once all of the feedback has been compiled it will be available for all clubs and State Associations to help with any events.

I would encourage all clubs to try and run an open day event, a come and try with trainer models and buddy boxes and instructors available, the MAAA is about you the club member and no matter how we promote model flying it comes back to how you at the club welcome and encourage new members and they all come from the communities that we live in.

Looking to the future we have some challenges with the size and power of our models, an aging membership...we are all a little older every year. We need to keep ourselves active and safe so that we can enjoying flying and building our models.

Clubs have a big role in this with keeping your members safe, respecting their dignity and don't be afraid to fly on a buddy box to help someone remain flying and active. Safety is no accident and with the Covid lock downs we have all become a little rusty and we need to watch out for spinning propellers.

Thanks to Neil for his guidance over the years and on behalf of all MAAA members wish he and Gail good health and more time with the grand children, caravanning, motor bike riding and of course flying, you have earned all of them.

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In closing thanks for the support during the year and pose a question... What are you doing as a member to “pay it forward” and what will your legacy be to the next generation of aeromodellers, just as those who spent time encouraging you when you starting flying?

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