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Coming Events

February 03	Fun Fly #1	MRCHC St Leonards. BBQ Lunch
February 04	General Meeting In the new club house	MRCHC St Leonards. BBQ Dinner
April 07	Fun Fly #2	MRCHC St Leonards. BBQ Lunch

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

President's Report – Jan 2013



I suppose it would good start to get best wishes for 2013 out of the way and get down to the business of flying matters for the rest of the year

As we are all prone to making New Year resolutions how about one which says that 2013 is the year not of what the Club can do for me – but what I can do for the Club^{*1}. I'll leave it at that if you need further clarification speak to me privately at the Club

One of the items we will have to address this year is redefining our flying areas with two objectives in mind – first safety and secondly to ensure all pilots and flying styles are accommodated. It was interesting to read in the editorial of this month's Helicopter World – that the editor was experiencing the same issues at his Club in the UK. Like them, we have seen significant changes to flying styles over the past years. If I look back five years ago – most pilots were flying Raptor 50's with a couple of brave pilots with Raptor 90's and a couple of F3C pilots with their Kyosho's or JR Ventures. There were also a couple of Tex 450's flying in a new area that was designated Small Electrics that but nothing like the diversity of powerful 3D capable pilots/machines, no Speed Machines, no Multi Rotors, no rotary wheel devices and only a handful of pilots could cope with flying 3D Style.

Acknowledging that times have changed – we appointed a working party and as often is the case, a small group of people put their thoughts to paper and this formed the foundation for some robust discussion at committee level. A proposal will be put to the members on Monday 4th February at our General Meeting for approval (see attached proposal). We will run this meeting at our new Club House – with a Sausage Sizzle starting at 7.30PM. As our Club is run by the members – for the members – if you want your input to count – BE THERE!

The next major task is to get our new Club House operational and for those that keep asking What's Happening – refer to the New Year Resolution above. Again thanks to a couple of individuals, there is a plan – the committee will facilitate contact with the School to access electricity and water and will seek budgetary approval from the members to proceed at the General Meeting – but the plan has to be driven by the members so get involved!

Our next event Fun Fly is on Sunday 3rd of February and while it currently provides a platform to beginners and F3C style flying – it does not have to be this way. How about a 3D section where you nominate 5 set manoeuvres and get your peers to score you on how accurately you executed them and use this as a platform to improve your Flying Skills. For those with an interest in Scale Matters, there is an event at the State Flying Field on Sunday 17th February. There is a new class of Scale Heli's called Super Scale and there is a good chance that there will be a ¼ Scale Jet Ranger flying by then.

Jeff

Treasurer Report

I have a few things to talk about this time so please don't skip over my contribution thinking it's all just about balance sheets and things.

Membership
New clothing
Privacy question
Financials



Membership

We currently have 51 members, including three who have joined since my last report. Welcome to the club to:

Rod Sculthorp
Marc Marais (who simultaneously joined the club and passed his Bronze)
Rod Morris

New Clothing

A big thanks to Jeff for organising our new supplies of jumpers, shirts and caps. We all love the new black colour don't we!

I have stuck a form up inside the cupboard door so you can write down your details when you decide to buy any of the available items. Payment instructions are included.

Most members who pre-ordered have picked up their orders. There seems to be plenty of stock for now so I am not hanging on to the remaining pre-ordered items – just collect and pay next time you are at the field. A couple of members have yet to pay for their original order – I'm sure you know who you are – please write on the form in the cupboard when you pay.

Prices are: Jumpers \$45 These are all cost price rounded up to the nearest \$5.
 Shirts \$25 Our costs vary depending on the quantity ordered each time.
 Caps \$10

Privacy

From time to time I am asked by a member to provide email addresses and/or phone numbers of other members. In the past there have been some concerns voiced about making this information available throughout the club, so I have emailed all members to see if we have a collective opinion on how to treat members' contact details.

I will talk about the feedback at our next general meeting.

Balance Sheet

Here is the January 2013 balance sheet position:

Account	This Year	Last Year	Difference
Assets:			
Cheque	\$3,073.59	\$7,524.94	-\$4,451.35
Undeposited Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Investment	\$23,224.77	\$20,371.74	\$2,853.03
Petty Cash	\$737.45	\$111.35	\$626.10
PayPal	\$184.00	\$184.00	\$0.00
Withholding Tax Credits	\$187.00	\$0.00	\$187.00
Trade Debtors	\$25.00	-\$100.00	\$125.00
Liabilities:			
Net Assets	\$27,431.81	\$28,092.03	-\$660.22

So you can see that we have reduced our asset position by \$660.22 so far this year, which is pretty good considering that we paid \$5,870 to relocate the new club house.

We are currently developing a final budget to complete the installation of the new club house (connect power and water etc.) which combined with the forecast for membership renewals in June will give me a picture of what the full year is likely to look like.

Year to Date Income & Expenditure

The Club income comes from membership fees (the bulk of which come in at the end of our year at annual renewal time), sale of club apparel, events, sale of drinks and BBQs at the club house and bank interest.

Income	This Year	Last Year	Difference
Sale of Stocked Items	\$855.00	\$0.00	\$855.00
Membership	\$1,215.00	\$600.00	\$615.00
Events	\$520.00	\$1,015.00	-\$495.00
Sale of Drinks etc.	\$322.05	\$111.65	\$210.40
Other Income	\$40.00	\$111.00	-\$71.00
Bank Interest	\$414.27	\$0.00	\$414.27
Total	\$3,366.32	\$1,837.65	\$1,528.67

The key differences between this year and last year are from the sale of the new apparel and more new members.

Generally our expenses fall into the categories listed below:

Expenditure	This Year	Last Year	Difference
Cost of Stocked Items	\$1,351.13	\$0.00	\$1,351.13
Field Expenses	\$690.90	\$2,760.54	-\$2,069.64
Club House	\$5,870.36	\$0.00	\$5,870.36
Meeting Expenses	\$0.00	\$110.00	-\$110.00
Club Training Helicopters	\$0.00	\$465.50	-\$465.50
Events	\$145.70	\$395.30	-\$249.60
Food, Drink etc.	\$671.07	\$362.70	\$308.37
Other	\$416.12	\$198.75	\$217.37
Total	\$9,145.28	\$4,292.79	\$4,852.49
Net Profit/(Loss)			

The significant differences, and largest expenditures, between this year and last year are:

Relocation of the new club house this year \$5,870.
 Cost of the new apparel this year for sale \$1,350.
 Our last year donation to the new school of \$2,000.

As always, if you have any questions about the club finances please contact me.



Secretary's report. Feb 2013.

Minutes from general meeting October 15th 2012.

Present: Peter, Jeff, Ben, Nick, Jason, Carl, Bryan, Tony Sisley, Jason Griffin, Brian A.

Apologies Brian, Roger, Paul.

Meeting started 8.00pm .

Jeff read previous minutes, June General Meeting

Proposed Brian Seconded Carl

Shed floor clean up

Jason looking into floor cost. Cost of lino or linoleum.

Roger to contact school Re: repair front fence, truck used to install shed knocked front gate of school.

Clothing : Jeff proposed we just buy clothing required.

Jeff to inspect clothing from supplier then order qty 6 Lge 3 med 3 Extra Lge. Jackets short Zipped front with embroided logo and caps.

Working bee to clean inside of shed Jason to email members for Sat 20th October

Special thanks go to club member for supply of our magnificent new club rooms.

Treasurers report not given, treasurer not present. Details in club newsletter.

Shed cost \$ 5830.

Flight line stations to be finalised . committee formed to address this .

Scores from funfly

Novice Brian L 132.5 Shaun 159.5.

Advanced 6. Shaun 48.5 5. Nick 101.5 4. Jeff 209.5 3. Peter 211 2. Craig 232 1. Carl 257.5

F3C Ben 213.5 Matt 253.

General Business

Suggestion to use Matt is an instructor utilise his expertise.

Change/sell club radios Discussion ongoing as to which to change to. Due to navigation of Hitec radio menu and the option to change modes from 1 to 2 would be easier on a Futaba according to Jeff.

Proposal to remove some advertising from club magazine, consensus to leave as is.

Meeting finished 8.30 pm.

Welcome to 2013 and we're already past the first month, the year is going to be filled with changes within this club, not for the sake of change but these changes have come from the installation of new club rooms, and new guidelines for our flight lines.

The changes have come about from member discussions the increase in 3D piloting and the guidelines in our member booklet being out of date.

The committee only put forward these changes to benefit and to provide a safe place to pursue our hobby.



In November MRCHC organised the state championships held at the state field near Daraweit Guim, on 2 fronts I'm pleased at the turn out and on the other hand I'm a little disappointed at the turn out from MRCHC but each to his own I guess when it comes to competing and maybe the travel required to this event but when you think about it, to get to the field its only approx 1hr 20mins from the eastern suburbs via freeway it's not that hard.

Ultimately the total flyers amounted to 17 and in the F3C some guys travelled from interstate so it can be done.

When Ben was unable to run the event Matt Carmichael stepped up and made sure everything ran smoothly and it did judging by the remarks left by the F3C guys they'll be back next year.

Being out in the country side the wind was firm but flyable, didn't hear a squeak from the novice boys, in the end everyone finished 4 rounds each and no one had a hold breath moment the flying was consistent and even when someone erred the atmosphere was still relaxed. Even though it was a 3 day event majority of flyers stayed around the area, some in Gisborne and also in Kilmore, 3 guys stayed at the field.

Food was prepared by the Northern flying group and thanks to them for feeding us in the morning and lunch and a well groomed field for us.

Considering the amount of flights I think about 68 there was only 2 minor mishaps one from flying and one a equipment niggle, other than that I got to say the reliability of helis these days is much improved I had 4 flights didn't touch heli all weekend took it home straight into garage and flew it a couple weeks later no problems. The flying field I feel is a great place to hold this event or any other for that matter it's an easy drive.

I'm hoping in the future that more members will have a go at a funfly, even after competing in all our funflys and state and national championships I still get nervous flying in front of everyone but I have a go I like to test myself and the way I fly laughingly, I haven't tested myself much.

Scores from Victorian State championships.

Novice. 5. Rex Barbey 228. Advanced. 6 Jeff Sussman 335.

F3C 6 Paul Sanders 2002.5

4. Kevin Curwood 238.5

5 Peter Dalglish 389.5

5 Matt Carmichael 2472.5

3. Neil Russell 259.5

4 Dennis Beilby 409.5.

4 Andrew Stampalia 2586.5

2 Phil Coghill 333.

3 Carl Bizon 432.5.

3 Mick Warren 2714.4

1 Greg Lepp 385.

2 Russell Edwards 450.5

2 Marc Swan 2844.6.

1 Paul Webber 481.5.

1 Brendan Tucker 3000.

Regards

Peter Dalglish

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1. No member shall fly or operate their **helicopter equipment**, which has not been tested and checked prior to first flight, is obviously faulty or is obviously in need of repair.
2. No member shall fly or operate **equipment** to the danger of others or in a manner as to present the likelihood of harm or injury to person's or person's property.
3. The **Frequency Keyboard** shall be used at all times where possible for 36Mhz . NO person shall fly or operate any equipment unless the appropriate frequency key is in position on the keyboard. No person shall **remove a Frequency Key** from the Frequency board apart from the owner thereof.
4. **Frequency Keys** are not required for 24Ghz Spread Spectrum but transmitters must be on the approved list Refer [MOP 058](#)
5. Any member or visitor found to have **caused loss or damage** to any other member's Helicopter, property or equipment through unauthorized operation of their own equipment or by dangerous or irresponsible behavior shall be liable for such damage or loss.
6. NO pilot shall take off or land in the **pit area**, fly over the pit area or the Car Parking area. Flying is permitted in Authorised flight areas only (ref. map in the Club House).
- 7 All pilots shall maintain 9 meter separation form their helicopters at all times
8. No member is permitted to fly unless they can be identified by **wearing a current Membership Identification**.
9. **Visitors** flying at the field must sign the visitor's book prior to flying: - Visitor Rules apply. A Current member must sponsor the visitor and brief the visitor of the club's Flying Rules.
10. A directive from a club **Safety Officer** or a Committee member shall be complied with immediately. Any dispute settled later by the committee.
11. Hovering in the **hovering area** shall not exceed 5 meters in altitude. Pilot must not hover the helicopter between the Pilot and the Pits.
12. The **hovering area** is for hovering, the model must not exceed walking pace.
13. **Mobile Phones** are not allowed on at the flight line at any time, Mobile Phones are allowed in the pits and in cars.
14. **There is to be no flying on Fire Ban days**.
15. All members who wish to fly on the **main flight** lines will require to have their Helicopter Bronze wings or greater endorsement. Visitors wishing to fly on the main flight lines will be required to have a member accompany them whilst on the main flight lines until such time as they have obtained their endorsement.