



Airwaves

Sports Aeromodellers Association Moreton Bay Region

Monthly Newsletter - October 2023

Presidents Message

Hi everybody,

Some of you already know me and for those that do not let me introduce myself. My name is Phil Adames and in September I was elected as your new president of Saambr.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all those who have supported me during this process of becoming your president and I genuinely appreciate all the help I have received from not only the committee but from all of the members.

Over the next year I look forward to working closely with the committee to provide the members with everything they need to enjoy our chosen sport.

So far this financial year we have seen an increase in membership on last year and moving forward it would appear that we will flourish with members of other clubs looking at Saambr as the place to be.

Currently our committee is working hard to get the structures at Jim Gibson signed off and the runway extension completed and seeded before the summer rains arrive.

We have also had communications from MBRC regarding the container at Sid Bray field and are working towards getting that delivered as soon as they give us the go ahead to do so.

Thank you to the teams of people who are regularly maintaining and mowing the 2 fields, without your dedication to the club we wouldn't have the nice facilities we have now to enjoy.

I will be asking the committee to call for a working bee soon to help remove some of the deadwood and scraps that have been exposed by the recent burn-off and I would greatly appreciate the support of the members in making this happen.

Lastly a few quick things that have happened. We have a couple of new tables that have been built by a few members and put on wheels at JG, we are looking at building a few more soon and removing some of the old weather damaged tables.

A windsock has also been replaced in the out field at JG, and the council has confirmed that work will start on the repair to Sid Bray driveway soon.

I look forward to flying with you all soon, take care and fly high

Phil Adames
President

General Meeting Minutes

Date: Saturday 9 September 2023

Time: 09.30am

Location: Jim Gibson Field, Burpengary East.

69 members signed the attendance sheet.

Apologies: Mark Williams, Peter Bessell, Danny Hollis, Paul Hopley, Paul Hubbard, Greg Hill, Rod Garrett.

The meeting commenced after the Annual General Meeting was held with new President, Philip Adames, and Secretary Richard Hall, being elected to office for the 2023-2024 financial year.

President Phil introduced himself to those members and thanked the outgoing President, Greg Petherick, for his service to the club over the past few years.

Secretary: Presented the minutes from the last general meeting at Jim Gibson field on 6 June 2023 as circulated by email were moved for acceptance:

Moved: Shane Neilson

Seconded: Robbie Potter.

Carried.

Business arising from minutes:

* Darren Robinson raised the issue of conflicting expenditure limits in the By-Laws and Constitution which should both be the same. The By-Laws state a figure of \$1,000 and \$5,000 can be spent for emergency/safety expenditure, but the Constitution limits the amount to \$600. One, or both documents needs to be changed to be the same.

* Shayne Neilson, field co-ordinator, asked if he could purchase a Seed Spreader for Jim Gibson field which needed coring and seeding treatment. The Spreader can be hitched to the back of a ride-on mower and provide a smoother and more efficient method of improving the soil on the runways. Shane could spread 240 cubes of soil evenly. Barry Evans was against the use of sand and a blend of sand and soil Can complete by Christmas. Cost is \$999.

Moved: Ross Vogler.

Seconded: Col Parry.

Carried.

* Dave Bertram suggested moving the pile of dead branches, dirt, and rubble at the western end of the main runway.

* * President Phil said he may be able to do it with his own machinery.

Treasurer: Treasurer Russell Ramsay's report by email was moved for acceptance. (*Note financial figures do not appear here in Airwaves and will be made available via email prior to the next meeting.*)

Current financial members: 185

Juniors: 5

Associates: 13

Life members: 5

Pensioners: 55

Social members: 3

Welcome to new members:

Dean Brown – Junior

Bob Parker – Senior

Dave Martin – Associate re-joining

Shane Wilkin – Associate (new).

New membership applications received; Brodie Harth, Rolf Collett, Taylor Mills.

Sid Bray field update: Peter Boyd reported the field is looking good, but in need of a spray for paspalum in the next few weeks. It is possible to “*spray today, fly today,*” so little disruption to flying activities.

Chief Flying Instructor: Steve Lightowler reported there were no new wings to present.

Agenda Items:

Schedule for club meetings:

Currently no camping permitted. Need to update our Development Application to include this and night flying in the new lease.

Proposed funding for a container replacement at Sid Bray field at cost of \$2,500.

Peter Boyd reported the roof of one of the containers is rusty and leaks water and has club equipment in there.

Dave Mount suggested the footings there are not suitable. Peter Boyd said a temporary permit is available at no cost.

Ian Swaddling asked if we buy it does it belong to the club or Council . It would belong to Saambr. The existing container would remain where it is when the field is eventually vacated.

Motion to spend \$2,500 proposed by **Peter Boyd**.

Seconded: Eric Pond.

Carried.

Update on MAAA membership system: Greg Petherick & Mick Dallman.

Greg advised there is a new membership system coming up in November which should make tracking and reporting more streamlined than the current system.

Update on infrastructure works/certification at Jim Gibson field. Greg Petherick.

Certification of several works still outstanding and to be addressed.

Steve West requested solar lighting to be installed in the toilet block and to contact Council.

Mark Brown reported the F3A Championships held at Warwick in August were an outstanding success with 29 countries being represented, with Saambr members having a major involvement.

The Saambr field was made available to those fliers wanting to get in some practice prior to the competition.

The number of active fliers was around 60.

Meeting ended and was followed by a barbeque and flying.

Show Some Restraint.

It's great to see members are aware of the importance of restraining their aircraft when starting. We all know electric models in particular can be a little tricky as their operation is different to IC models and throttle controls are more sensitive. In the event of an accident happening an insurance company may ask if some form of restraint was in use. If not, a claim may be rejected and the club cannot be held liable for not informing members of the safety requirements. Well done, keep doing what you are doing.



BE AWARE stay SAFE

Membership Drive

How much thought have you given about membership numbers in five years time?

Everything in life changes, including this. Each year there are non renewals and it's necessary to attract new members to keep the props turning. Having two fields places immense financial pressure on the club purse.

Where's the new blood ?

*Here's an old article which appeared in the **2015 Dec-Jan No. 265 issue of Airborne magazine** (no longer in circulation) and just as relevant today.*

"It never ceases to amaze me the narrow blinkered view that come clubs have when it comes to making non modellers, or would be modellers welcome, and the facilities they provide, even for their own members.



This hobby/sport transcends all age groups and sexes but when I look around a lot of clubs, the average age group is 40 years and up. Where are the young and junior modellers who are going to be the lifeblood of clubs in the not too distant future, and what is your club doing to foster interest in younger modellers?

Firstly, what does your club do to attract new aeromodellers ? Do you have a sub committee who's sole purpose is to seek out and encourage young people to take up aeromodelling? Do you

advertise in your local newspaper special events such as display days and competition days or seek an editorial feature in that local newspaper to publicise these events?"

(Note: The average age of SAAMBR members is well over 60).

Do you send literature to local primary, secondary and TAFE schools encouraging students to come and fly an aircraft under supervision or learn building techniques from skilled aeromodellers? If not you are condemning your club to an almost slow but certain death.

No longer do aircraft have the “Wow” value they held thirty years ago unless you show youngsters what aero models can do, how it’s done and more importantly how much fun it really is. Today we compete heavily against computers and TV games which don’t give any hands on experience to the next up and coming generation. It is up to the clubs to get off their collective backsides and CHASE prospective members, not sit back and wait for them to just arrive at the club.

Prospective members will also look at your club facilities and first impressions are the most important.

Is your club a tin shed stuck in the middle of a 40 acre paddock? Do you have a ladies only toilet? Do you have a decent area under shade

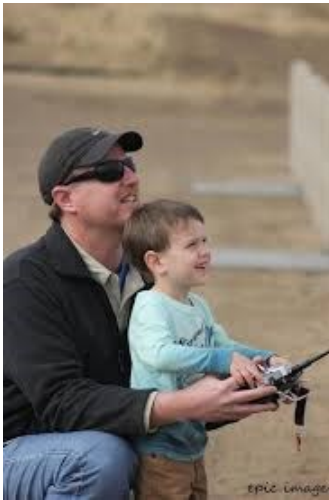
to sit down and converse with friends and family while watching others fly? How about cool drinks and snacks or facilities to boil water for tea and coffee?

If you haven’t got the basics how are you going to attract new blood when they have a higher standard than what you can offer?

I know of one club not far from our office that has been going for over 40 years yet has only one lousy excuse for a shed. Not very inviting to new modellers especially when the club has been established for that long a period of time.

Look beyond your own interests and ask yourself if you were wanting to take up membership at this club, would you be impressed by what you see?

The next decade will almost certainly decide the future of aeromodelling, it is up to you get new people interested and keep this fantastic sport alive.”



Here’s some pictures of Peter’s magnificent 80cc Decathlon recently flown for the first time.



A group of women were at a seminar on how to live in a loving relationship with their husband.

The women were asked, "How many of you love your husband?"

All the women raised their hands.

Then they were asked, "When was the last time you told your husband you loved him?" Some women answered "today", a few "yesterday", and some couldn't remember.



The women then were told to take out their cell phones and text to their husband: "I love you, sweetheart." The women then were instructed to exchange phones with another person, and to read aloud the text message they received, in response to their message. Here are 12 replies; some are hilarious.

If you have been married for quite a while, you understand that these replies are a sign of true love... who else would reply in such a succinct and honest way?

1. Who the hell is this?
2. Eh, mother of my children, are you sick or what?
3. Yeah, and I love you too. What's wrong?
4. What now? Did you crash the car again?
5. I don't understand... what you mean?
6. What the hell did you do now?
8. Don't beat about the bush, just tell me how much you need?
9. Am I dreaming?
10. If you don't tell me who this message is actually for, someone will die.
11. I thought we agreed you wouldn't drink during the day.
12. Your mother is coming to stay with us, isn't she?

You can't beat a good dog fight



Events Calendar 2023

Many of these dates are available on the MAAQ and Saambr websites, and therefore subject to change without notice.

October

21 –22 Coolum Pylon Racing.

27,28,29 IMAC Nationals (ASAA) P&DARCS Club Victoria.

29 Sunday Come-n-try day 10.00 -12.00

November

Friday 3 MAAQ Indoor flying in the Anna Meers Velodrome at Sleeman Sports Complex, Chandler. \$10 flying fee. Parking in P1 area.

Saturday 4 Saambr Club Meeting Jim Gibson 0900

3-6th Kingaroy Warbirds—Southern Cross Airforce .
Contact John Box 0408 279 286

7th MAAQ Committee meeting, Brisbane.

December

8,9,10 Kingaroy 'Social Sunday' Christmas weekend.
Camping onsite with limited facilities. BBQ lunch and dinner Kingaroy RSL on the 9th. Contact John Box.
john.box@hotmail.com

SAAMBR TRADER

BUY WANTED SELL SWAP FREEBIES

Here's the place to advertise your planes and equipment for sale at no charge to members.



Deadline for entries 15th of the month.



SAAMBR

Sid Bray Field located at:

Elizabeth Road, Griffin, North of Brisbane 4503.

Jim Gibson Field location:

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