



# The Geelong Flyer

NEWSLETTER July 2006

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

From the Prez,

Welcome to July Newsletter.

This report is the last for my term as President, due to family commitments and the commuting to Melbourne each day is certainly putting a strain on things, therefore I will be stepping down at the AGM.

Now that the membership year has finally arrived we are now fast approaching the business end of the year. Our AGM is fast approaching and I urge all members to consider nominating for a position on the committee, all the positions are available for nominations.

I'm sure that there are people out there who can fill the role with the capacity and motivation to move us forward with what the future holds.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow colleague's who have given their support, contribution & dedicated hard work, not only to myself but to GMAA and wish all every success in the future.

I would also like to take this opportunity to all the members who have contributed in some way to the club, be it on support for the open day, etc.

Our next club meeting (AGM July 18<sup>th</sup>), please mark this date on your calendar, it's an important annual event & your club needs your support. The election of next year's committee members are governed by your say.

Hope to see you all at the next club meeting.

Until next time  
Happy Landings  
Felix Agius  
GMAA President

Next meeting, 18th July 2006.

# Important

**New Postal Address for all correspondence :**

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## From the Editor

Hi Guys,

It is that time of year again. AGM and new appointments. Our next meeting will be very important so it would be good if you could all make the effort and attend.

Some of our committee will not be standing for re-election due to work or family commitments, so we would hope that we have some members who would be willing to fill the gap!!

Hopefully, everyone has had a great year and enjoyed their flying time. See you at the AGM!!

Deano

## Birthdays for July

Dave Barling  
Nicholas Heath  
Rick Johansson  
Richard Machar  
Phil Pope

## Safety Issues

I was at one of our fields just recently, and offered to help one of our members who was starting his model without using a restraint.

After receiving an "I'm fine, thanks." I stood nearby and watched.

You know, it's interesting how much a model moves around when you are holding with one hand and flicking the prop with the other!

After watching a couple of false starts, I finally squatted by the model and grabbed hold.

The model was then started, this time with an electric starter, and I carried the model out to the flight line where it was sent off into the blue.

The point I am trying to make here is that several 'safety' errors were made during this brief encounter.

The fact of trying to start an unrestrained model is something that is repeated over and over and added to that, not using a chicken stick or electric starter even though one was available.

But the biggest fault I reserve for myself! I saw an 'unsafe' event and then stood back and watched. An injury could have resulted.

So next time you (or I) see something being done unsafely, step in. Don't be put off by an "I'm fine thanks". We are all responsible for safety at our airfields.

Gotta fly, Phil

**Don't forget the monthly BBQ on the Saturday after each club Meeting held at alternating fields.**

**July's BBQ will be held at Dog Rocks  
Gold coin donation**

**RAIN , HAIL OR SHINE**





# Geelong Miniature Aircraft Association

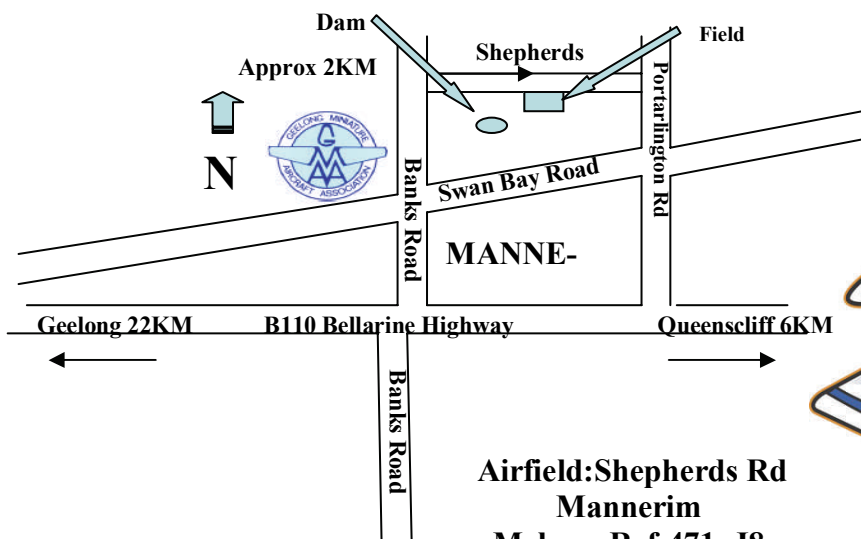


## INAUGURAL BBQ FLOAT DAY AUGUST 19<sup>TH</sup> , 2006

NO GENERAL FLYING  
AT MANNERIM UNTIL  
FLOAT EVENT IS COM-  
PLETED



Come & support a social outing  
organised by your club for your enjoyment



Airfield:Shepherds Rd  
Mannerim  
Melway Ref:471, J8

### Next Meeting

Meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of each month, the Venue -  
 Geelong East Uniting Church  
 Cnr of Boundary Rd & Ormond Rd  
 East Geelong  
 8:00pm  
 Entry is via Boundary Rd, Church car park.

### Contributions Always Welcome

DEADLINE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH  
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### EVENT CALENDER

<b>Aug 5-6</b>	<b>Pattern Aerobatics</b>	<b>Cobram</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Scale Rally</b>	<b>Greensborough</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>GMAA Float Fly</b>	<b>Mannerim</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>Pylon Racing</b>	<b>Bendigo</b>
<b>26-27</b>	<b>State Champs Pylon Racing</b>	<b>Albury</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>Sport Scale, Round 5</b>	<b>Darraweit Guim</b>
<b>Sept 9-10</b>	<b>Pattern Aerobatics</b>	<b>Echuca</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Scale Rally</b>	<b>Bacchus Marsh</b>
<b>16-17</b>	<b>Mammoth Scale</b>	<b>Shepparton</b>
<b>Oct 8</b>	<b>Scale Rally</b>	<b>Lilydale</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>Military Rally</b>	<b>Darraweit Guim</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>Display Day</b>	<b>Bendigo</b>

More events can be found on the VMAA Website.

