

## SEPTEMBER 2006 GMAA PRESIDENTS REPORT



For a starter I must say what a great success the float day was, on the dam adjacent to the Mannerim field. Mid morning I counted 25 planes and more late arrivals still turned up. The BBQ held after, we catered for around 45 people. We had a lot of visitors from other clubs namely Werribee, Bachus Marsh and MARCS, who all helped

make the day a great success. The day was windy, which made it more suitable to the proper designed seaplane rather than the high wing with floats. Must high wingers suffered a flip over after landing while attempting a crosswind taxi into the shoreline of the dam. One pilot did a dam buster run, flew into wall, plane write-off, dam wall no damage. I took a number of photos and videos and have put it all onto a DVD. It will be entertainment for our September meeting.

Our visitors were very impressed by the dam, field and club facilities. They expressed their thanks and were anxious to know when will be the next float day. On behalf of the club I wish to thank our visitors attending, helping with the success and enjoyment provided to all who attended.

Now at the last meeting I collected a list of radio channels used by the members in attendance. This list is published with this newsletter. I will have sheets at each field for members to add their radio channels they use and the common regular flying time they attend the fields. Only those members I have not collected their radio channel need to add to the field lists. The purpose as past mentioned, is to publish a list of frequency channels used, to help those purchasing new equipment.

**Safety.** One of our members is now suffering very sore, bruised and swollen fingers. He did not carry out his normal routine, he had a bad landing, thought have another flight. Started engine lost in thought, unconsciously went to remove plug lead (had already done that) and passed fingers through propeller. Received severe laceration to a number of fingers top and underside. If you are not thinking clearly or get upset over something it is probably better to stop flying for the day.

See you all at the next club meeting.

Until next time.

Safe flying,

Colin Gissing  
GMAA President

