

## Have fun, fly safe with the MAAA

### Member update – September 2016

Flying with the MAAA is about fun, friendship and camaraderie. For over 75 years the MAAA has been Australia's largest flying organisation and our goal is to give our 10,000+ members the best possible flying experience. In this new, bi-monthly member update, the MAAA will share some interesting and helpful information with the MAAA community.



#### **Club support: How to access funding to purchase land.**

The MAAA has long recognised that the future of aeromodelling within Australia rests in the ability of clubs and State Associations to purchase and maintain flying sites. To facilitate this process, the MAAA has an active policy to assist its members in purchasing, developing and improving miniature aircraft flying sites throughout Australia. By way of example, the MAAA is in the process of purchasing land for MASA and VMAA.

#### What is the application process?

An ordinary member may make an application for the MAAA to purchase land. Below is a basic outline of the land purchase application process.

1. Prepare a business case
2. Review of business case by MAAA executive
3. An independent review group will provide recommendations to the MAAA Council
4. The MAAA Council votes on the recommendations

Detailed information on this procedure and further material can be found on the MAAA website under 'Club Support' > 'Manual of Procedures' > 'MOP013 – Land Purchase Policy and Procedure'.

#### **Training and skill development: A member story on MAAA Bronze Wings certification.**

Want that rush of adrenaline you get when completing a new manoeuvre or stunt? The MAAA's training and skill development helps you get the most fun out of flying. It gets new and novice pilots in the air quicker and takes more experienced pilots to higher and more satisfying skill levels. To keep the skies safe and injury free, training with certified instructors is offered by all of our 300+ clubs and is a great way to fast track your skills and knowledge.

The MAAA ensures members have access to world class instructors, training and advice to become the best they can be at flying their chosen aircraft. From the MAAA's Wings program and one-on-one mentoring, to our comprehensive pilot and instructor training programs, you can learn to fly quickly and safely, in a controlled and supportive environment. Read a Q&A with instructor Dennis Greenfield, who discusses some of the key requirements of the MAAA Bronze Wings certification. This can be found under 'Education' on the MAAA website ([www.maaa.asn.au](http://www.maaa.asn.au)).



MODEL AERONAUTICAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

**Have fun, fly safe: Events coming up in October.**

### **Australian Model Flying Day**

Got nephews, nieces, grandkids or your own kids that you'd like to get into aero modelling? Then this is the perfect family day out to give them a taste of the thrill of our sport!

Being held over the weekend of **22-23 October** this year, the MAAA is hosting this great event which also supports the Royal Flying Doctor Service Australia.

**So how do you take part in this great event?** Plan an event (a club flying day or even a fundraising BBQ) for one day on the weekend of 22-23 October. Then Register your club's event with the MAAA Secretary ([secretary@maaa.asn.au](mailto:secretary@maaa.asn.au)) and advise how many members you believe will attend. You'll then receive 2016 MAAA Australian Model Flying Day badges. Then encourage club members and the public to come along!

### **The 2016 Luskintyre RC Scale Festival**

*Sponsors include Spektrum and the MAAA.*

The three-day aerial extravaganza, from **28-30 October**, at the Luskintyre Airfield in the stunning Hunter Valley is any modeller enthusiast's dream, with plenty of flying time and replicas to watch, plus events to interest the general public.



Run by the Flying Scale Aircraft Association of NSW and supporting the local Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service, the Luskintyre RC Scale Festival will showcase some of the best models in the world, from scale jets and gliders, to floatplanes and flight line.

The first day of the festival is exclusively for modellers with the Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th open to the public.

For all other information on the event including registering to fly, where to stay, entry costs and the daily program please go to, <http://www.rcscalefest.com.au>.

To see more upcoming events see the [MAAA events calendar](#) or email [editor@maaa.asn.au](mailto:editor@maaa.asn.au) to get your clubs event added to the website.

Best Regards

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