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**Cover: B25 Mitchell bomber.
Do you recognise the
background?**

President's Annual Report 2023

KDMAS has had another successful year with membership up on previous years and with high activity levels both on weekdays and weekends.

This year we purchased and installed a live web-based camera at the field for all to use, we also purchased a new slasher for our Fergie Tractor.

Once again, our Christmas Breakup was a big success with lots of food and plenty of flying, we also inducted Geoff McCarten and Jon Bellamy into our Life Membership "Hall of Fame" (I made that last bit up) We also had a very good turn up at our "Pop up Barbeque" in March and Car Boot Sale in April.

Early this year quite a few members attended the Avalon Airshow and 8 lucky members flew there in charter DC3, Oscar Victa Mike. Members also attended club flyins at Camperdown, Warrnambool, Mildura and Lake Bolac. Two members have also attended several competition events.

This year marks 15 years since the laying of our runway matting, I would like to thank all who were involved in that project and those who have maintained it since. The mat is in need of some work now and we have recently received permission from Brimbank Council to do the required maintenance and excavate around the edges as required.

As you can see the renovation of our clubhouse is under way thanks to the hard work of John Tanti, Matt Clover, John Green, Damian Sciberras, David Grbac and our talented volunteers, we hope to have it finished by spring but these things take time.

The Club has a big challenge this year and in the coming years and that is, to fit in with the opening of Sydenham Park to the public, we need to be aware of their presence in the park, and they need to be aware of ours. Although we are disappointed with the placement of the Multi User Paths and the tables so close to our operations we have no choice but to cooperate with the park users and keep them as safe as possible.

Thank you to my committee especially Ras Wijemanne (secretary) and John Tanti (registrar) for the work you do and for your support, and thank you to all the other members who help to keep this great club running each year.

Another year at KDMAS has come and gone so let us all look forward to the coming year of flying in Sydenham Park and visiting other club's flying sites.

Shane Talbot,
President 2022/2023

ON THE COVER.

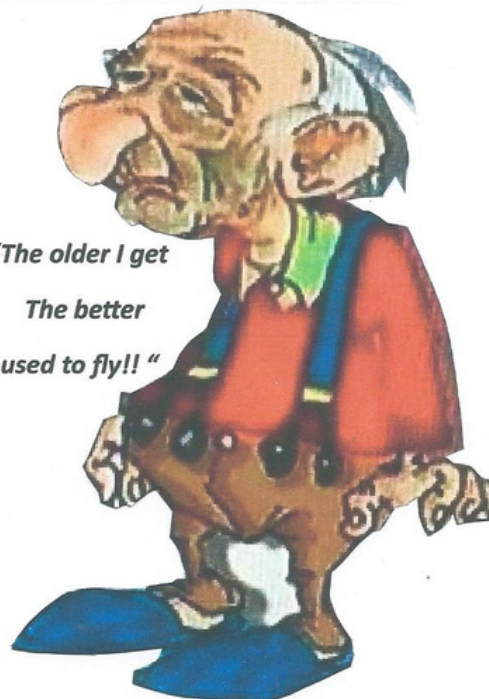
Featured aircraft is a B25 Mitchell bomber. The aircraft type was a product of the North American Company designed as a Medium Bomber and designated the "Mitchell" in honour of Brigadier William "Billy" Mitchell who was a pioneer of U.S Military Aviation. The B25 went into service in 1941 and served in every theatre of World War 2. Some 10,000 of the B25 variants were built which made it the most-produced U.S medium bomber and the third overall most -produced U.S bomber of the 2nd World War. The type was a very successful design, and after the war ended continued to serve in various roles for a nuber of decades.

**** information source : Wikipedia****



OLD MAN'S WISDOM

*"The older I get
The better
I used to fly!!"*



The winds of change



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Reference: A. VMAA Guidance Heavy Model and Turbine permits

To: VMAA Association Members

Dear All

While formal updates to the relevant MOP are not yet complete, this email is to advise of the understanding of the VMAA Executive Committee which is supported by the MAAA Executive Committee following reviews of the situation with them.

To ensure good governance of HM and Turbine permits.

As currently, a permit is issued for an aircraft and a designated pilot, being the person who flew the aircraft for the purposes of the permit assessment.

- If a person other than the pilot listed on the permit wishes to fly the aircraft under supervision, an appropriate inspector is to be contacted with the details of the relevant aircraft / permit, and the name of the proposed additional pilot
- If the inspector is satisfied that the situation is justified and reasonable, the inspector will advise their approval and actions taken to update the relevant permit
- The column for "Endorsed pilot" on the form should be filled out with the name of the person to fly under supervision name with a comment noting "Under supervision", and this entry is to be initialed by the inspector
- The process for adding an additional endorsed pilot (which is different to a pilot under supervision) remains the same as per the MOP.

As mentioned above, there are moves currently underway to amend the MOP to clarify this requirement.

If you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact VMAA SHI.

Joe Finocchiaro
VMAA Secretary

VICTORIAN MODEL AERONAUTICAL ASSOCIATION INC (VMAA)
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**WATCH
YOUR**

300 feet



ALTITUDE

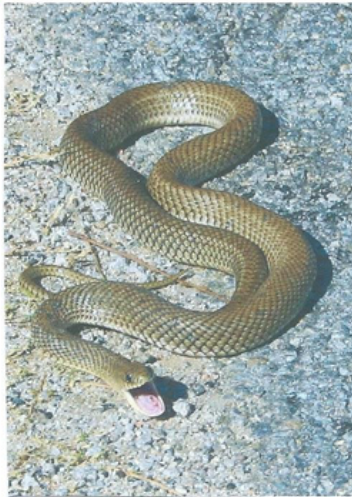
**Just in case someone from
CASA is !!!**

SNAKES ALIVE !!!

Mr "Joe Blake" says:

**Let's not hurt
each other. !!**

**If you see me passing
Through let me be, I
Have no intention of
Biting YOU, but I will
Protect MYSELF if
attacked.**



Snakes will be starting to move in a few weeks. Be alert among Long grass/rocks.

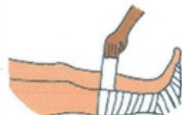
SNAKE BITE MANAGEMENT

CALL AN AMBULANCE ON 000



STEP 1

Place wound dressing on the bite site.
Do not wash venom off the skin as it may assist in snake identification.



STEP 2

Immediately apply firm pressure on the bandage.
Apply a further pressure bandage commencing at toes or fingers of the bitten limb and extending upward covering as much of the limb as possible.

BANDAGE SHOULD BE KEPT FIRM. KEEP THE BODY AND LIMB AS STILL AS POSSIBLE. DO NOT ELEVATE LIMB.



STEP 3

Immobilise the limb.
After applying the pressure bandage immobilise the limb by binding a splint to it (e.g. a piece of timber, other leg etc.) If the bite is on the forearm put the splinted forearm in a sling.

CASUALTY MUST STAY CALM. KEEP LIMB STILL AND WAIT FOR EVACUATION.

Leave the bandage in place until medical aid arrives and check circulation at regular intervals.

A full kit for first aid
Including snake bite
Can be found in the
Club House cabinet.
Also, an Instruction
Chart for treating a
snake bite is displayed.



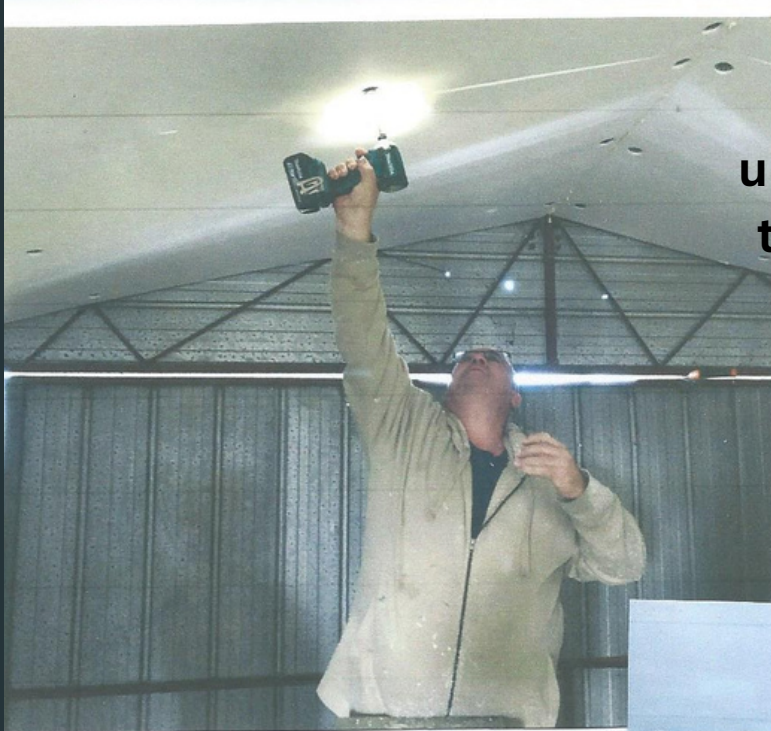
www.firstaidae.com.au



**The replacement heater
for the clubhouse. IT
DOES THE JOB REALLY
WELL !!!!**

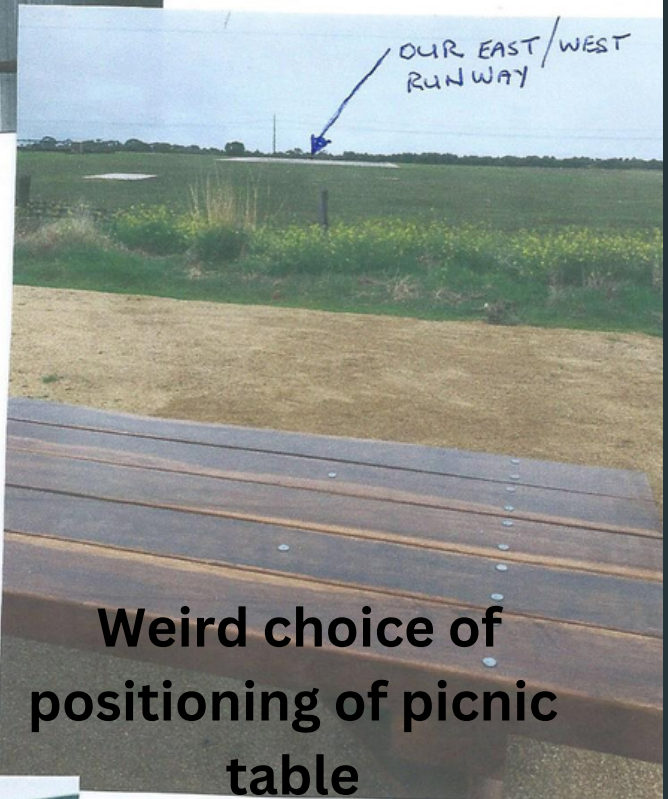
KDMAS COMMITTEE ELECTION 2023

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TREASURER: Ken Lott
REGISTRAR: John Tanti
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NEWS LETTER ED (interim):
Peter Coward



John putting up the ceiling in the clubhouse

WHAT IS HAPPENING AT THE FIELD



Weird choice of positioning of picnic table



Relocated battery charging facility

TROUBLE MAKERS ACTIVE

Sydenham Park has again been visited by trouble makers. On this occasion they put themselves to the task of stealing a tray truck fitted with loading ramps from the works storage area just outside our first entry gate, they then proceeded to drive the truck through the locked gate breaking same and leaving a trail of broken indicator lens along with our broken gate (see photo below). They then drove the truck partway along our entry road and set fire to the truck (see next page).





UNDOUBTABLY THE POLICE WILL BE LOOKING INTO THESE CRIMES, BUT CAN ALWAYS USE SOME HELP WITH INFORMATION. KDMAS MEMBERS ARE CURRENTLY THE MOST FREQUENT VISITORS AT SYDENHAM PARK, SO KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN FOR ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES, AND DON'T HESITATE TO CALL THE POLICE URGENT MATTERS CALL 000 NON-URGENT CALL 13 14 44

NOTICES

NEWSLETTER EDITOR POSITION

The Newsletter Editor position is unfilled on the Committee and the task is being covered by stand in editor Peter Coward. Any member who feels they would like to tackle the task please contact the Club Committee

NEXT WORKING BEE

Sunday 20th of August 2023, 9.30AM

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Sunday 20th of August 2023, after working bee

COUNCIL EVENT

On Saturday the 19th of August the Brimbank Council is holding a function at Sydenham Park. Permission has been given by the club committee for a section of our car park (North West Quarter) to be used by the council. Plenty of space left for our club members.

NEW CODE FOR CLUB PADLOCKS

2495

GOODS FOR SALE OR TRADE

This page will be included in the monthly Newsletter to give club members the opportunity to buy, sell, or trade anything that is of model aircraft interest. If anyone wants to take advantage of this page it will be necessary to supply a description of property you are selling or wanting to trade for etc. You will need to supply a couple of photos if possible, and most importantly the price and your contact phone number or email address so potential buyers can contact you. Please forward your desired adds to Newsletter Editor at email : kdmas@y7mail.com