

Hi all,

For those that don't know me yet, my name is Murray Tingey and I am the President of AWA and I can normally be found flying from KAMS or WAMASC. I am passionate about aeromodelling and look forward to serving in the role of AWA President and representing all facets of our great sport in this state.

I thought it was time to write to everyone about some of the changes that have taken place lately in AWA. A lot of people are currently unaware of the new stuff available for members online and this is a good opportunity to tell you about what the AWA is trying to achieve this year and for the future.

You would remember the AWA Website became some 6 or 7 years out of date for information. This has changed and it's now being kept more up to date by utilising the MAAA's IT people. We have now migrated all the information from the old website over to the [WA pages on the MAAA site located at http://www.maaa.asn.au/](http://www.maaa.asn.au/) This has allowed us to update the information to be more in date and useful to our members. There are currently 3 States using MAAA's site to broadcast their information and the remainder will follow in time I believe.

Here is what it looks like when you go onto the site:



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Model Aeronautical Association of Australia (MAAA). At the top left is the MAAA logo, which features a red kangaroo silhouette above the letters 'MAAA' in a stylized font. To the right of the logo is a navigation bar with 'ONLINE ACCOUNT' and a 'Login' button. Below the logo, the text 'MODEL AERONAUTICAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA' is displayed. The main navigation menu includes 'Home', 'Membership', 'Club Support', 'Competition', 'Education', 'News', 'About us', 'States', 'Aircraft / Flight', and 'Contact'. The 'States' menu is expanded, showing a list of states: 'AWA (WA)', 'TMAA (TAS)', and 'VMAA (VIC)'. Each state entry has a dropdown arrow and a corresponding sub-menu. The 'AWA (WA)' sub-menu includes 'About AWA', 'Contact AWA', 'AWA News', and 'AWA Gallery'. On the left side of the page, there is a 'FIND A CLUB' section with a map of Australia and a search box labeled 'Enter Suburb/Postcode' and 'Search'. The main content area features a 'Welcome to Model Aeronautical Association of Australia (MAAA)' heading, followed by a paragraph about the MAAA's role in supporting aeromodelling in Australia. Below this is another paragraph about the benefits of membership, including pilot training and becoming an instructor or inspector. At the bottom, there is a promotional banner for the '2015 World FAI United Arab Emirates DUBAI' event.

You will note the AWA has 4 main pages under [STATES/AWA\(WA\)](#) and these are where you will find the following:

About AWA: A history of AWA and what it is we do. The forms, calendar, bylaws etc. Here is a snapshot of the top of that page, but there is much more:

About AWA

Who are the members?

The clubs within the AWA are the actual members. Each club can be represented by delegates at each AWA meeting and as such carry on the business of the AWA.

The actual people who are members of each club are referred to as affiliate members in the AWA constitution. Often these people are also referred to as members of AWA. These members have representation through their club but also can have a direct voice as the AWA Annual General Meeting and Special General Meetings, which are also open to all affiliate members.

People join the AWA by either joining a club or joining the AWA direct as a WA Country member. WA Country membership is available to people who live at a distance from a club.

Membership fees

The Membership fees are:

- Club Registration: \$40 AWA plus \$0 MAAA equals \$40 total
- Senior: \$40 AWA plus \$60 MAAA equals \$100 total
- Junior: \$10 AWA plus \$30 MAAA equals \$40 total



Registering Clubs

Each club must pay the club registration fee each year. This ensures that each member club is a financial member of AWA. The Club

Remember these lists! There are links on this page to find the following information:

Contact information

- [Instructors](#)
- [Members with Wings](#)
- [Model Inspector](#)
- [Gas Turbine Inspector](#)

Flight Proficiency Scheme

The AWA supports the MAAA Flight Proficiency Scheme. There are three levels of proficiency, bronze wings, silver wings and gold wings. These wings are available for powered flight, gliding flight and helicopter flight. Wings are awarded after demonstration of the required proficiency. The bronze wings for aircraft up to 2kg in weight and the silver wings for aircraft over 2kg is usually attempted after initial training and is generally recognised as the candidate is capable of safe solo flight.

For more information about the scheme you should make enquiries at your club. Information about the requirements and administration of the scheme can be found on this site in the Manual of Procedures.

Completed forms should sent to the AWA Secretary by email or by surface mail to PO Box 670 Mt Lawley WA 6929. Supplies of wings are also available from the AWA Treasurer. Bronze, Silver and Gold wings are free to members of the association. All other costs are

Contact AWA: The list of who's on the AWA Executive and contact information for them.

A very important change to how we receive our emails is now taking place, with the recent resignation of long serving AWA Treasurer, Mr. Ross Cant. All emails to AWA now go to the Secretary, Mr. David Rose at secretaryawa1@gmail.com. All correspondence received will be acknowledged and recorded and of course handed over to the correct AWA member for action. There is no more emailing of the Treasurer only as we used to do. The Secretary will put it through the system and track what happens from there. All club Secretaries/Treasurers should take note of this especially, as you will need to send all correspondence (even financial) through the Secretary also. It's important that we let you know that we have heard you and are taking action on your emails.

AWA News: Minutes of AWA meetings (coming shortly), current State events of interest that clubs may wish to have promoted, eg. A buy and swap meet, A Warbirds fly-in or maybe a Glider Event etc. Club Secretaries or Event CD's only need email a flyer to the AWA Secretary, Mr. David Rose at secretarawa1@gmail.com and he will have this placed on the page for you.

We also have use of the home page of MAAA for these flyers as seen in the snapshot below for WARMS:



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Home Membership ▾ Club Support ▾ Competition ▾ Education News

LATEST NEWS

[F1 Air Race Sandown 2016 highlights!](#)
A fast, furious and fun day!

[The WARMS Swap Meet](#)
Read about buying, selling and trading equipment via WARMS.

FIND A CLUB

Map of Australia showing club locations.

Ready for take-off?

Image of a man working on a model aircraft.

HERE IS THE NEWS ITEM IN FULL FOR YOUR PERUSAL:

WARMS Swap Meet 2016



SWAP MEET

WARMS will be opening its gates to modeler's past and present to BUY SELL or TRADE their surplus equipment.

Saturday 20th February 2016 from 9:30am, Gemma Road
Airfield, Henderson WA.

If you have current MAAA membership, then why don't you bring an aircraft or two and have a fly!

We have an amazing setup and we encourage everyone to come and take a look. A lot has changed over the past couple years, including charge shed with a permanent 12v DC rail and 240v AC outlets, setup benches, undercover pits and our fantastic bitumen runway covering over 4000m²

Our canteen will be open all day, and just quietly we have the best hamburgers that by themselves are worth coming down for.

No need to RSVP if you are just coming to browse for a bargain or to burn some fuel or electrons.

We have plenty of space but if you want to set up a table or gazebo (BYO) then please let us know as soon as possible.

Contact Alastair Waddell 0414 286 435 secretary@warms.com.au or visit our website for more information www.warms.com.au

See you there.

WA STATE NEWSLETTER

The State Windsock newsletter is no more. During my predecessor's tenure, the AWA Delegates and Executive Members voted to drop the state newsletter for the following reasons. No one wished to come forward to be the editor again and there was simply **a lack of content** coming in from any of the clubs or special interest groups to even consider reviving the Newsletter. This remains true today, but with the use of our NEWS section of the WA pages mentioned above, we hope to put any items that do come our way, up for all to see. I am keen to keep you informed of what's happening in our state and will also communicate from time to time with the Club Secretaries.

AWA will publish all meeting minutes and this will be done to the NEWS area of the website and also passed to club secretaries for club meeting discussion. This is being done in the interest of keeping everyone informed of what's happening at State level. You pay to be a member of AWA and I think you should see what happens to that money after all. Each Club is able to nominate Delegates to AWA, through which your club is heard at the state level. Got a good idea or maybe a gripe or want to change the State By-Laws, talk with your AWA delegate and they can field it for you at the next AWA Committee Meeting. These meetings are a hive of activity these days, with open discussion encouraged.

This is just a quick update to let you all know that your State Authority is going strong and is motivated towards helping it's members and of course the Clubs.

Fair Winds,

Murray Tingey

President AWA

