

Lismore Model Flying Club Newsletter

April 2026



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President's Update

The month of April has seen considerable activity at our field as well as a lot of activity behind the scenes!

Our membership has increased to 63 and on behalf of the club, I would like to extend a welcome to our new members. I was questioned recently if we felt that there should be an upper limit on our membership and my answer was no. The reality is that every year we lose a few members for a range of reasons and then slowly catch up with new members joining throughout the year. 63 is a strong membership that demonstrates to ANSW/MAAA and various government bodies that we remain an open club that welcomes new members. This is a very important part of all grant assessments. The other interesting point to note is that the club was regularly at 70 members back in the 90s and we are doing better than many clubs throughout Australia by holding our membership level at the same level over recent years.

Our fridge has recently been restocked, and soft drinks are once again available for \$2 each. Thank you to those members who helped make up the shortfall in the soft drink money.

I would like to also thank Ben for stepping up to be the club contact for the IMAC competition next weekend. There are many jobs associated with hosting the event and Ben will need assistance with several tasks. I also appreciate the offers made by other members to help Ben.

Competitors will arrive at the field for practice on Friday with the competition being held on Saturday and Sunday. No social flying will be possible on the competition days. Several competitors will be camping at the field, and the overall event is an important fund raiser for our club. Please contact Ben if you can help on the weekend, or with the setup on Friday. Our club will be providing BBQ breakfast and lunch on both Saturday and Sunday.

Field mowing and cleaning up will happen on Thursday and again, if you have time available, could you please come to the field on Thursday to help. We will need to complete mowing, edge trimming, taking rubbish to the tip and a general cleanup. If you are socially flying on Thursday, please give priority to the mowing team who will be working around the field between 10am and 3pm.

Our themed social Sundays will continue again at the end of May and information will be sent to all via email. We have had several ideas put forward and I plan to speak further with Andrew to see if the last weekend in May works for the event that he is planning....he has some interesting ideas!

Brett is currently working on some updates to the look and feel of our website as well as expanding the EVENTS tab and adding our newsletters to CLUB DOCUMENTS tab. Brett has also moved our website to a free hosting service provided by Microsoft. This is a great saving for the club and is appreciated.

Several of the models advertised in our last newsletter remain available. These are about to be advertised in the next ANSW newsletter. If you have any interest in the models and would like to make an offer, please contact me as soon as possible. Details go to ANSW at the end of the month. These models were kindly donated, and all funds raised go to our club.

This newsletter is somewhat shorter as I am on holiday and not returning until 13th May. If you have an interest in producing the newsletter and being on the club committee, please let me know.

See you at the field.

Peter Whitely

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Land Acquisition Progress

I had the opportunity to catch up with Noel at the gun club this week and he advised me that their purchase of land from the Council was only completed last Wednesday! This shows just how long the overall process can be depending upon the range of priorities that the Council is working on. The gun club started their process many months before we did.

Our draft plan which was presented to us by the Surveyor, has now been signed by Clive and myself for the club and is with the Council for signature. The solicitor is aware of progress and also has a copy of the valuation certificate.

The valuation process has been completed and we now have a formal certificate for the purpose of calculating Stamp Duty on the contract. The land that we are acquiring has been assigned a value of \$100,000 made up of \$93,350 for the land and the balance being an allowance for the shelter shed. The result is that once the acquisition has been completed, our club will own a valuable asset to help us grow into the future.

I have included the Valuation Certificate for the information of all members below:

Valuation Certificate*

Instructions From: Peter Whately of Lismore Model Flying Club **Your Ref:** E-mail – 19/01/2026

For the Use Of: Lismore Model Flying Club / Hannigans Solicitors / Revenue NSW

Instructions: To provide the current market value of the property identified herewithin.

Purpose: Evidence of Value – Stamp Duty Purposes

Property Address: Lot 10 / 313 Wyrallah Road, Monaltrie NSW 2480

Legal Description: Lot 10 in Deposited Plan 1326349

Land Area: 6.864 hectares

Zoning: RU1 Primary Production – Lismore LEP 2012

Location: Approximately 4.2kms south of Lismore CBD.

Type of Property: Vacant Rural Property.

Basis of Valuation: Direct Comparison / Summation as a Check.



Comparable Sales:	Address	Area	Date	Price	Comparison
Sale 1:	1 Lagoon Grass Road, Lagoon Grass	17.71ha	25.01.2023	\$260,000	ALV \$260,000 or \$14,681/ha – Larger site, superior utility and rate/ha
Sale 2:	88 Broadwater Road, Dungarubba	25.73ha	13.08.2025	\$435,000	ALV \$350,000 or \$13,603/ha – Larger site, superior utility but similar rate/ha.
Sale 3:	89 Broadwater Road, Dungarubba	13.64ha	19.09.2025	\$460,000	ALV \$300,000 or \$21,994/ha – Larger site, superior rate/ha.

Rationale: The subject property comprises a uniquely battleaxe shaped block featuring a flood-free entrance driveway falling and opening to low lying flood liable flats currently utilised by the Lismore Model Flying Club. The block is improved to an open span shelter with basic facilities and no power. Extremely limited sales exist in a thinly traded market.

The site has NO dwelling opportunity and limited marketability, therefore, it has been compared to other sales with no dwelling opportunity or boundary adjustments to derive the following:

$6.864\text{ha} \times \$13,600/\text{ha} = \$93,350$ + an allowance for the shelter shed.

Say \$100,000.

Interest Valued: Fee simple with vacant possession assumed

Valuation Dated: 9 April 2026

Valuation: **\$100,000** (One Hundred Thousand Dollars) 'Exclusive of GST'

If GST applies to a current transaction, independent tax advice should be sought.

Certification: I hereby certify that I personally inspected the above property and carried out the above valuation and assessments. Neither I, nor any member of this firm, have any conflict of interest, or direct or indirect financial interest in relation to this property that is not disclosed herein.

Valuer: William John Northfield AAPI CPV – API 69865

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Our Ref: 202600110

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Everything Gliders

Once again, this was a very well attended themed social get together. The emphasis was on gliders, and we had many gliders take to the sky on the day. Over 40 members enjoyed the perfect weather and the BBQ. As usual, social flying of all types of models was welcomed, and many different models were on display.

I would also like to welcome the Lower Tweed members who were able to join our "Everything Gliders" day and hopefully we can attract everyone back for the next event at the end of May.

I have included some photos from the day.







We sold out of sausages and I will make sure that a larger quantity is available for the next event!

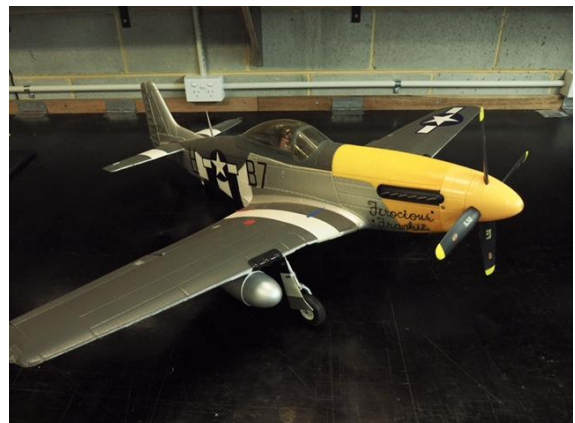
For Sale and Donations

As advised in my President's Update, the models advertised in the last newsletter are about to be advertised in the next ANSW newsletter. If you have any interest in one of the models, please make an offer to myself or Clive and we will see what can be done. Any funds raised will go straight back into our club and the improvement of our facilities.

1. FMS Futura 64mm EDF Tomahawk (complete except for receiver – offers?)



2. FMS? P51D Mustang "Ferocious Frankie" 1080mm wingspan (no rx – offers?)



3. Freewing V1 Avanti S 1240mm (complete with multi-protocol rx – offers?)



4. FA-18 Jet 960mm (Used appears complete with Hitec RX – No Reserve. Offers)



5. Hobby King EDF Viper 64mm (New in Box – Offers?)



6. Hobby King Swiss J3 Cub 1400mm (New in box – Offers?)



7. Hobby King FlyCat V2 (New in box – Offers?)



8. Multiplex Heron 2400mm (New in box – Offers?)



9. Duraflly Vampire V2. This includes the remains of a crashed model plus what appears to be a completely new model. Spares include motor, ESC, retracts, canopy and other assorted parts. (Inspection welcome to verify contents – Offers?)

