



"Flying Art Work" This year's annual "Sculpture at the Gaol" at the historical Arakoon's museum complex near South West Rocks featuring Joseph Frost with one of his recently upgraded EDF jets.

Photo via Joseph Frost



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## **Diary Notes**

#### Next Aeromodellers NSW Bi-Monthly Management Committee Meeting.

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019, 8:00pm at **Dooley's Waterview Club**, **Cnr of Clyde Street and Silverwater Road**, **Silverwater**.

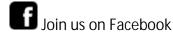
Following Aeromodellers NSW Bi-Monthly Management Committee Meeting. Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019, 8:00pm at Dooley's Waterview Club, Cnr of Clyde Street and Silverwater Road, Silverwater.

Newsletter #422 (October 2019) deadline for submissions: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

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## Aeromodellers NSW 2019/20 Calendar

(Compiled 29 September 2019)

Unless otherwise advised Aeromodellers NSW Meetings are held the 2nd Friday of every other Month.

Octobe	er 2019			
5-6	Scale Rally and Swap Meet	Wagga	Tony McAtamney	0417 294 748
5-7	APA Championships - hosted by TCMAC	Albury	Alastair Bennetts	0439 480 793
6	Gosford City Float Planes	Kariong	Jaz Cooper	0411 053 339
6	Wings over the Regatta Centre	Penrith	Tim Nolan	0412 173 440
11	Aeromodellers NSW General Mtg	Silverwater	Tim Nolan	0412 173 440
	Dooleys Waterview			
TBA	Precision Aerobatics – APA Championships	TBC	Alastair Bennetts	0439 480 793
12-13	NSWSAS Scale Comp - hosted by NAAS	Canberra	Anthony Ogle	0410 652 181
13	Gosford City Float Planes	Kariong	Jaz Cooper	0411 053 339
18-20	) Warbirds Over Coffs	Coffs Harbour	Martin Cochrane	0423 691 150
19-20	Precision Aerobatics – hosted by CVRCMAS	Camden Valley	Alastair Bennetts	0439 480 793
20	Wings over the Regatta Centre	Penrith	Tim Nolan	0412 173 440
25-27	Jets over Vineyard 2019 - hosted by HMAS	Vineyard	Peter Papas	0411 882 255
	nber 2019			
2	SRCS General Fly-in &	Gunderman	Mike Close	0414 645 307
	NSW Scale Aircraft Society Scale Rally			
2-3	4th Annual Australian F5J Trophy	Cootamundra	Trevor Smith	0411 887 350
3	Gosford City Float Planes	Kariong	Jaz Cooper	0411 053 339
3	Gosford City Indoor Flying (1-5pm)	Niagara Park	Jaz Cooper	0411 053 339
10	Millennium Cup Electric Thermal Glider Rd 4	Bomaderry	lan Avery	02 4232 1093
	incorporating the Shoalhaven Shield			
10	Wings over the Regatta Centre	Penrith	Tim Nolan	0412 173 440
	Invitational Scale Classic Downunder 2019	Cootamundra	Cheryl Rolfe cheza195	
	Precision Aerobatics – hosted by CKSMAC	Pitt Town	Alastair Bennetts	0439 480 793
17	Gosford City Float Planes	Kariong	Jaz Cooper	0411 053 339
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1	Wings over the Regatta Centre	Penrith	Tim Nolan	0412 173 440
1	Pylon Racing at Marulan (TBC)	Marulan	Peter Kearney	0407 013 230
1	Gosford City Float Planes	Kariong	Jaz Cooper	0411 053 339
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NEW SOUTH WALES					
January 2020					
25-27 40th Armidale Sailplane Expo	Armidale	Hutton Oddy	0425 285 75		
February 2020					
14 Aeromodellers NSW General Mtg	Silverwater	Tim Nolan	0412 173 440		
Dooleys Waterview					
22-23 Orange MAC Annual Banjo Patterson Scale Ral	lyBorenore	Steve Smedley	0418 577 834		
Check out the 2019 Banjo Patterson Scale Rall	y at <u>https://www.yout</u>	ube.com/watch?v=M_4qCw0	<u> OVhgU&amp;authuser=0</u>		
March 2020					
7-8 Hunter Valley Champs	Muswellbrook	Corv Eustace	0429 090 686		
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May 2020					
16-17 Veterans Gathering	Muswellbrook	Corv Fustace	0429 090 686		
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## Club News & General Interest

Joseph Frost

## The Annual "Sculpture at the Gaol" at the Historical Arakoon Museum

### "Flying art work"

This year's annual "Sculpture at the Gaol" held at the historical Arakoon museum complex near South West Rocks featured Joseph Frost with one of his recently upgraded EDF jets.

Now upgraded from a rather marginal out-runner powered "Dr. Max" setup to a powerful 2.4 KWatt, 80mm "Jet Fan" / HET in-runner combo EDF which, although adding a 500gm weight penalty to the model due to the larger battery has improved flying performance and flight time.

To correct the centre of gravity due to the much heavier power unit at located at the rear of the fuselage some additional nose probe weight had to be added as there was restriction in battery position, preventing it from being relocated.

A close to one to one power to weight ratio makes this model much faster and enjoyable to fly but slightly more challenging to land with much hotter approaches.











### England to Australia 1919 | 1994

http://vimy.org/flights/the-flights.htm be sure to visit the site

In March 1919, the Australian government laid down a challenge. The first Australian-born crew to fly the 11,000 miles from England to their homeland in 30 days would win a prize of £10,000 (more than \$1 million today). Only six teams competed in what became known as the Great Trans-Planet Air Race. Captain Ross Smith and his brother, Keith MacPherson Smith, along with their two mechanics, completed the journey with two days to spare. The second-place team needed seven months.

The Smith brothers' victory was not easily won. Their Vickers F.B.27 Vimy, the 10th of 330 Vimys built in England, was given the registration G-EAOU. Ross, partly joking, said that the letters stood for "God 'Elp All Of Us." Little did he know when he made that quip that he and his crew might need the intervention of a higher authority, along with both skill and luck, to reach their destination.



G-EAOU was built at the Vickers factory in Brooklands. Courtesy of National Geographic Society.

G-EAOU departed Brooklands on November 12—six months after Alcock and Brown's successful transatlantic flight, also in a Vickers Vimy—with Ross Smith in the pilot's seat of the open cockpit and Keith beside him, serving as navigator. Mechanics Jim Bennett and Wally Shiers occupied the front and aft cockpits. The weather that day, classified as unfit for flying, could have been seen as an inauspicious omen. Nevertheless, the crew arrived in Lyon, France, in just under six hours.

Nearly every leg of the flight after that was an adventure. G-EAOU had to be pushed out of the mud in Pisa, Italy. In Cairo, following a safe crossing of the Mediterranean, a crack opened up in one of the

cooling water pipes and had to be sealed. More repairs followed in Iraq. The reward was a few days of fair weather and a chance to soar above the Taj Mahal. Disaster threatened in Thailand, where Ross had to land the plane in a recently cleared runway filled with tree stumps, a preview of what was to come.

A stop in Surabaya, Java, was to be routine, but G-EAOU broke through the crusty surface of the landing site and sunk into the viscous mud. Each time the crew dug out the Vimy, it got bogged down again. The foursome thought that the race was over. Then, locals from the nearby village dismantled their huts and began to lay the bamboo and reed mats on the field. One day and many mats later, G-EAOU headed down the 1,200-foot runway on the home stretch.



A makeshift runway made of bamboo mats enabled the Vimy to take off from Surabaya, Java. Courtesy of National Geographic Society

Around noon on December 10, as G-EAOU neared Australia, the Smith brothers spotted the Sydney, a naval ship. Ross scribbled a message, slipped it into a bottle, and floated it down on a parachute. The ship's crew was reassured by the missive: "All's well!" Nearly three hours later, Ross landed G-EAOU in Darwin, winning the prize along with the admiration of his countrymen. He and his brother received knighthoods for their accomplishment.

#### Reliving the Smith Brothers' Flight

After years of building a replica of the Vickers F.B.27 Vimy and months of testing the new flying machine, the Vimy team was ready to re-enact the first of the



three landmark flights. On September 11, 1994, Peter McMillan and Lang Kidby took off from England in their G-EAOU, accompanied by National Geographic photographer Jim Stanfield and engineer Dan Nelson. Despite the advances in navigation since the Smith brothers' flight and the team's extensive preparation, they had had reason to feel nervous about their journey. Some hazards, such as severe weather, navigation through unfamiliar territory, and the potential for mechanical problems, were not much different from those encountered 75 years earlier.

During the initial legs of the flight, over the English Channel and into France, Peter and Lang grew accustomed to handling the Vimy through storms and over mountains, good practice for arriving in Pisa, Italy, in time for a freak hurricane. In winds that reached 80 miles per hour, the crew struggled to taxi the plane into a hangar. When the storm lifted, they circled the Leaning Tower and headed south through Italy. After stopping in Crete, Peter and Lang crossed the Mediterranean, struggling to keep the Vimy, with her full fuel load, aloft in the sweltering air on the way to Egypt.



The crew tried to hold the Vimy down during a hurricane in Pisa, Italy. Courtesy of National Geographic Society.

Unlike the 1919 Australian team, Peter and Lang had to devote hours to planning routes that skirted restricted areas of the Middle East. Deviating from the 1919 flight path, they avoided Syria, Iraq, and Iran and instead flew through Saudi Arabia to Bahrain. Reaching Karachi, Pakistan, was trouble free, but border conflicts temporarily prevented the Vimy from crossing into India. Due to an outbreak of the plague in India, Myanmar denied permission to enter the country. Defying the authorities, Peter and Lang turned off the Vimy's radio and landed in Yangon anyway. The crew was relieved to reach Bangkok, Thailand, but the jubilance was short-lived. As Peter and Lang flew across the Malay Peninsula, the right engine developed an uncontrollable oscillation, which forced an unscheduled stop. The Vimy sounded better after the spark plugs and other parts were changed. The improvement was only temporary, however.

Over Sumatra, dense smoke from slash and burn fires forced Peter and Lang to fly only 200 feet above the jungle so they could see the ground. Even worse, the right engine acted up again, then stopped completely. The Vimy was unable to maintain height on one engine, and Peter and Lang looked frantically for a place to land. They finally brought the plane down in a rice field, just hundreds miles from where the original G-EAOU sunk in the mud. The circumstances were uncannily similar to the situation confronted by the Smith brothers. The replica's crash landing seemed to spell the end of the project. Lang saw the situation differently and, within a few days, organized the local farmers to help construct an airfield. A new engine and other parts were flown in on a twin-engine plane lent by the Australian Army. Six days after the crew faced disaster, the Vimy was again on its way to Australia.



Villagers helped clear the crash site in Sumatra and improvise a runway. Courtesy of National Geographic Society.

The last legs were challenging, as the Vimy successfully overcame rugged volcanic terrain, long water crossings, constant headwinds, and persistent turbulence. With Lang at the controls, the Vimy crossed the Timor Sea and touched down in Darwin on October 22. No cash prize awaited the crew, but they were overjoyed to realize their dream. A few years later, they were ready to plan their next flight—taking the replica Vimy from England to South Africa.



## **Upcoming Events**

## Gosford City Aeromodellers Club 2019 Regular Events - All Welcome Electric Float Planes





GCAC has a freshwater float plane site in the Mt Penang complex at Kariong

7 to 11am, \$5 to fly.

Sundays September 8th & 22nd Sundays October 6th & 13th Sundays November 3rd & 17th Sundays December 1st, 15th & 29th

For More Info on Float Planes Call Nic Lucas 0424 350 366

## Indoor Flying

Niagara Park Stadium, Narara Valley Drive, Niagara Park

\$20 for an afternoon of indoor fun in two combined basketball courts

Sunday September 29th 1-5pm Sunday November 3rd 1-5pm Sunday December 1st 1-5pm

For more information on GCAC visit www.gcac.org.au, email secretary@gcac.org.au or call Jaz Cooper on 0411 053339.











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ENTRY FEE COVERING FLYING AND SWAP & SELL \$25

SELL OR SWAP FROM YOUR CAR OR YOUR OWN TABLE



PERPETUAL TROPHY

SATURDAY 5TH & SUNDAY 6TH OCTOBER

ENTRY FORMS AVAILABLE ON CLUB WEBSITE: waggamac.org.au

NOTICE BOARDS AVAILABLE FOR SWAP OR SELL LISTS

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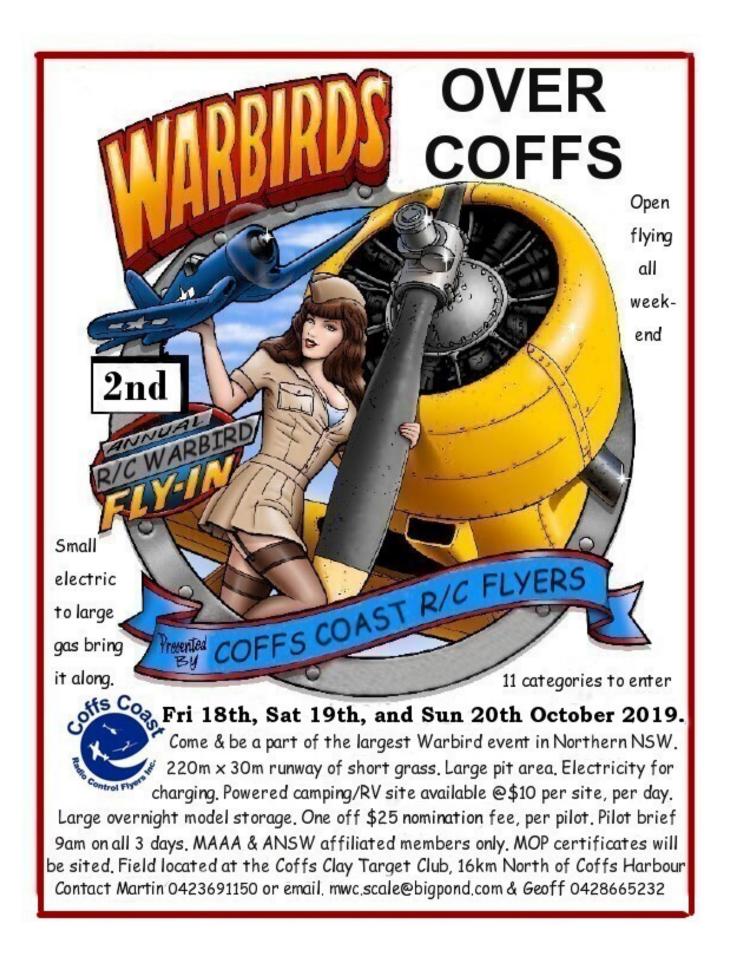
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### SWAP & SELL WAGGA MODEL AERO CLUB INC

3 kilometres north of the township of Uranquinty on the Olympic Highway, or 5 kilometres south of the Kapooka turnoff.







# Jets Over Vineyard 2019

#### RC JET EVENT.

25-27th of October, 2019

Location Bandon Rd, Vineyard,NSW down from the Railway Station.

#### CONTACTS

Peter Papas 0411882255 peter@paps.com.au Jodie French 0418429538 Hello members, guests , enthusiasts and hard core jet jockeys!!! Once again we have set out Jets Over Vineyard weekend on the 25-27th of October 2019, this week end will host lots of different Jets from the original ducted fans , EDFs to Turbines. As we have further developed our field, main runway and cross strip to accommodate all aircraft from 1m-4m plus models, and as our members have enjoyed these facilities, we offer them to our affiliated clubs to share them this weekend and fly all types scale and sport jets. Fun activities , and display flights will be flown throughout the weekend for all to enjoy!

Pilot fees will be \$25 for the weekend and this includes breakfast.



## SRCS General Fly-in & NSW Scale Aircraft Society Scale Rally.

Saturday 2nd of November, gates open at 9am for all day flying. Easily accessible from both Sydney & the Central Coast.

Last years event saw an amazing array of models from park flyers to turbines. Everyone who attended enjoyed a great days flying in a really festive atmosphere. This year the New South Wales Scale Aircraft Society will be holding a scale rally in conjunction with the usual variety of models. Come along and help make this year's event even better, all levels of flying skill are welcome!



flying skill are welcome, just turn up on the day and fly as little or as much as you like. No competitions, no pressure, just enjoy flying! Bring your family along and enjoy a picnic by the Hawkesbury River MAAA Cards and Permits to Fly for large models must be presented at registration

If you have any questions please contact Mike Close, <u>president@srcsclub.com</u> or on Mob. 0414 645 307. Please check the SRCS website - <u>www.srcsclub.com</u> on the day for cancellation information in the event of bad weather. An announcement will be made by 7am.



# 4th Annual Australian F5J Trophy



The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Australian Perpetual F5J Trophy event, presented by the Australian Electric Flight Association, is to be held at the Aeromodellers NSW state field at Cootamundra NSW. Location: 34\*43'16.4"S, 148\*02'34.2"E.

### Two days of flying 2<sup>nd</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> November 2019

The field is available on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November for practice and camp setup

### Two classes - Open F5J and Limited F5J



First prize: Mega 6/10/3E motor with Reisenauer 5:1 gearbox Value \$375 www.flyelectric.com

Electric Flight in Australia & AEFA Open F5J Trophy up to 4.0m class



Modelflight Limited F5J Trophy up to 2.6m class

First prize: Spektrum DX8e Transmitter Value \$370 www.modelfight.com.au



Pre-registration required - Entries close 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019 - see the AEFA web site for a registration form. MAAA membership required. Augmented Stability Systems not allowed.

#### www.aefanet.com

\$50 entry fee. Data loggers available for loan - just bring your electric glider. Food available on the field. Enjoy the great Cootamundra site – free camping (no powered sites) toilets and shower provided.















# 22nd & 23rd February 2020

## BANJO PATTERSON SCALE RALLY

We welcome all modellers to our premier event for 2020.

The weekend is not a full on competition , but a gathering of modellers with varying scale models, having a fantastic time of general flying, and great camaraderie.

We have a fantastic flying envelope with a 2000ft ceiling height and 1000 meters laterally, so more than enough air space for all size models.

Camping is available at our field (no showers available)

Tea and coffee are available all the time, with cold drinks and food available at lunch times. And do not forget the full sit down OMAC Breakfast on Sunday morning, looking out over our spectacular view we have from our club house.

We look forward to catching up with you all.



The Orange Model Aircraft Club was formed in 1929 - two years after Lindberg flew alone across the Atlantic, and only one year after Charles Kingsford Smith and his crew made the first hazardous aerial crossing over the Pacific. It was the dawn of aviation's Golden Age.

### Program

#### Saturday 22nd February 2020

7.30: Facilities opened up.10.00: Welcome & Pilot briefing.10.00 to 12.30: General flying12.30pm: BBQ lunch served.1.00 to 4.00: General flying.

#### Sunday 23rd February 2020

8.00 to 9.00: The OMAC Sit down Breakfast

9.00 to 10.00: General flying.10.00. Judging of models by pilots.10.30: Presentation of Trophies.10.30 to 12.00: General Flying.12.00: BBQ lunch served.

1.00 to 4.00: General Flying Go to YouTube and copy and paste the following links for Banjo 2019

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M\_4qCwO VhqU&authuser=0 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GoXkkz1 fkdE&authuser=0

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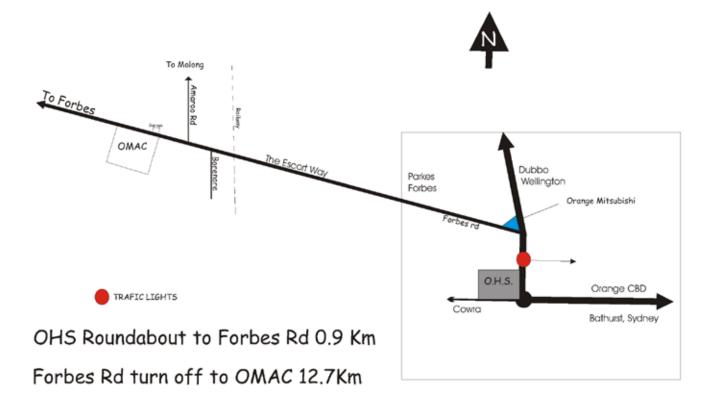
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### 2020 Banjo Patterson Scale Rally Location





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