

Indoor Aviation AMSA Special Interest Group

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Secretary's report

Membership:

Stands at 68, which is 6 down on a little last year, mainly due to members being no longer fit enough to get to venues to fly.

The opportunity for members to attend any one of the four flying venues continues to be very well supported with members often having the opportunity of flying twice and sometimes three times a week.

Finishing up as Secretary

I have now reached the age of 86 which is 4 years older than Joe Biden! (say no more) I have talked it over at length with my wife and I believe its time to hand over to a younger person. I also feel that it is better to quit while still reasonably healthy rather than wait until I am suddenly unfit and cause the need for a panic replacement.

My work as Secretary has been made much easier by a number of important factors.

- 1) Having a President as capable as John who, apart from his presidential duties, has shouldered a lot of the load in running and up dating our wonderful Web site, and taking over the task of maintaining the site availability programs. He has been a very easy guy to work with and also continues to be a great source of Technical Support for myself and all members.
.....Thank you John.
- 2) All the committee members have been great to work with and continue to be there in the background as the strong quiet guidance when required.
- 3) Having Michael Best take over as membership secretary this past year and run it smoothly and efficiently and much better than I ever could.Thank you Michael.
- 4) In operating as Manager of the Waverley site I have been continually supported by Bruce Gillard and Ron van Bommel and others when I have been held up or unable to attend.
.....Thank you guys.
- 5) I have always been well supported by the attitude of you the members, who have been the everyday flyers in the club.....much appreciated guys!

John has always said that we run this club on a shoestring with minimum fuss, short meetings and maximum flying support. I am sure this will continue to be the case in the future.

New Secretary:

I have been very pleased to receive the nomination of the incoming secretary from Rick Miles. I am sure Rick will have your support and be very suited to the position. He has very strong computer skills, is much younger and also comes from a work background, similar to mine in Project Management .

Some other thanks.:

At Waverley we are pleased to have Tim Denyer keeping up the supply of goodies for morning tea each flying day. Much appreciated Tim!

To the managers of Donvale, Laurie Clark, Boronia Lew Rodman and Graham Plaskett at Frankston a big thank you for all the work that is necessary for each venue.

Retiring :

Don Bladier is not continuing as one of the committee members and we thank him for his support over many years, particularly in representing the free flight group.

On the question of retirements we must be mindful that some other senior committee people may not be continuing after this year. So keep in mind that we will be requiring other people to step up and help with the important committee work in the future.

Section 30. of the model rules. The Secretary is required each year to complete a simple report on the condition of the Club to Consumer Affairs under the model rules. I have already received the email asking me to do so. The report covers confirmation of the Secretary details, financial balance at FY end, number of members etc.

Another thing to ponder:

I feel that we may be approaching the time to bring in a by Law to shorten the maximum tenure time for committee people to say 3 years or some such. I feel that clubs that have limited tenure continue to remain fresh with the constant and regular changes on committee. I see this with VARMS as an example. This issue as always, will rest with the committee.

Best regards to everyone and happy flying.

Thank you all for your support.

Hon Sec. AMSA – IAV Sig Ian Jemmeson