



I hope that you all coping with the renewed COVID-19 restrictions, and had a happy and safe Christmas.

## AGM and end of year party



Thanks to everyone that attended the AGM on 28<sup>th</sup> November and tolerated the heat. I hope everyone enjoyed the post-meeting party.

Some of the items discussed at the meeting are covered in this newsletter.

The committee for 2020-21 is:

President: Tim Banicevich

Vice President: Scott Arnell

Treasurer: Ryan Shaw

Secretary: David Cumming

Senior Advisor: David Head

Committee Member: Pavlos Hanna

Committee Member: Derek Waterman

## Launch site duties

It has been pleasing to see members volunteering for the duties of COVID Safety Officer, RSO, LCO and Flight Safety Review. We want to encourage this participation as much as possible, to help relieve the burden on the few usual members so they get the chance to actually launch a rocket or two.

Most of our more experienced members should be capable of taking on the roles of LCO and Flight Safety Review, at least.

To help simplify what is required, we have produced checklists for these roles. These checklists will be on the corresponding tables at the launch site. All members should be familiar with what will be checked in the flight safety review.

## Next Mullaley weekend

The next Mullaley weekend is scheduled for 10/11 April. This is the weekend after Easter, and is in the school holiday period. We will be continuously monitoring the COVID situation leading up to this.

## More Competitions

We will be running competitions throughout the year. Rockets for the “Limited Rocket Competition”, which is based on the Tripoli “handicap” competition, can be flown at any launch day. The rules are attached to the email with this newsletter. You will need to fill in an entry form (also attached) for each attempt. The winners will be announced at the end of the year.

We will also be awarding a prize of a packet of motors for the “Flight of the Day” at each launch. By necessity, this will be solely at the discretion of the judges. The inaugural winner was Jane Cullum with her “Bauble”.

# Tripoli Rocketry Association (TRA)

There are a few adjustments to be made with the switch to TRA. Most of these are minor so members will see very little impact.

In case you're not aware, NSW Rocketry Association Inc. is the group name for Tripoli prefecture #141. The TRA name is "Tripoli NSW".

The most obvious change for members is that you need to renew your Tripoli membership in addition to your NSWRA membership. These renewals are separate. You will receive notification from TRA when your renewal is due. NSWRA memberships are current until 30<sup>th</sup> June.

You will need to provide evidence of current membership of both NSWRA and TRA at flight safety review to be permitted to launch. Typically this means showing your membership cards. All NSWRA members will be provided with a lanyard/card holder to hold your 2 cards – those that attended the AGM have already received their lanyards. We want every member intending to launch to be wearing these to make it easier for those conducting the flight safety review.



One aspect that has recently come to light is that every member is required to sign a "Launch Liability Waiver" form. The committee will be discussing how we can best handle this.

## Next launch day

The first launch day for 2021 is scheduled for Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January – conditions permitting. We hope to see you there with your new creations.

### Upcoming Events

All launches are at Whalan Reserve unless otherwise noted

#### January

30 Launch Day

#### February

27 Launch Day