



Flying High News

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A message from the President

Well my year as president is almost over, so what did we actually achieve apart from drinking lots of coffee. Well the major thing was the lifting of the 400' ceiling, so now we again soar with the eagles. The shade roof was completed, and is great. The hangar was cleaned out of lots of junk. The duty officer system is working well and we had no nasty incidents for the year. We tried unsuccessfully to get the cost of the toilet cleaning down (\$720 p.a.) and we tried unsuccessfully to have permanent caution signs erected to avoid dragging out the sandwich boards each day. We set up a display at Victoria Point Shopping Centre (which was a waste of time) but have gained new enthusiastic members, and sadly lost a couple. We have a new BBQ which has had a few workouts, and we now have joined the new age and do internet banking.

We've had many talks with the Redland City Council who have been most cooperative and, we enjoy a very good relationship with them for now and the future.

We continue to align with AMAS and their insurer having had a frustrating relationship this year.

Your committee has been fantastic. Bob has been a great support as VP and Rob Shinnars a great sounding board with his knowledge of all things prior. John Tranter knows this club backwards and is a backbone and my mentor. John and Pam jumped in as Treasurer and

Secretary respectively and John turns a bun fight into a civilised meeting. Thanks Pam.

John Mc has (volunteered ??) to carry the Secretary/Treasurer badge till the AGM and he's doing a great job enthusiastically. Everyone has pitched in where necessary and thanks for that.

On a personal note I believe the unsung hero of our club is John J - thanks John.

And, a special mention to QT who does a fantastic job. We are very lucky to have the quality field we have, thanks to him. So, to next year. Do I hear the roar of volunteers lining up in an orderly fashion to lead the way ? ?

We will have the AGM in July when we will elect a new team, and drink yet more coffee.

Cheers

Ron Cheeseman
President

Good News

As Ron has indicated John McGowan has volunteered to take on the Committee position of Secretary/Treasurer. We wish him well in the role. Time has passed and John has now slotted into the most arduous committee position with skill, integrity and above all a little humour. Don't forget to give him a pat on the back when you next meet him.

New pilots

Congratulations to the following member who successfully passed his Power Solo Wings: Phil Smith

Crashes

Here's some photos of recent events which borders on the pessimistic side but it should be pointed out that compared against all the successful launches and landings of club pilots bad landings are a mere bagatelle!

What's the term: "No names, no pack drill !" So you get no names of the pilots responsible for the photographic scenes.



2017/2018 Fees

If you haven't paid your fees for this forthcoming year there is just two weeks left to renew. Un-financial members will not be able to fly from July 1st, 2017. Payment of \$120 can be by direct debit transfer, (BSB 638-070; A/c no. 8906629), cheque or in that old fashioned method of cash to Sec/Treas John Mc.

AGM

To be announced a.s.a.p.



UXB (unexploded bomb)

See the photos showing the end result of a lipo catching fire. Aside from the toxic fumes emitted the intense heat is astounding. It's a wakeup call to us all to take extra precautions when charging or handling lipos. Ideally they should always be charged in a fireproof container and NEVER left unattended.

This 4 cell battery was in Russell's plane when it suddenly nose dived into the ground. Ernst managed to kick the battery away from the plane which sadly was completely wrecked. The reason for the crash remains a mystery – loss of signal, radio interference. Who knows?

One reason for the unexplained sudden dive could be that over the years many pilots have lost their planes in a similar spot to where Russell's plane nose dived into the terra firma. Among some of the theories put forward are: microwave interference, other rc cars or drones/planes being operated close by, and so on.

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