



# *Flying High News*

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## *A Message from our President*

Merry Christmas to everyone at RAMS from your President and Committee.

A wonderful year for RAMS flyers despite seemingly constant strong wind. The usual crashes but, only hurt egos, not bones.

Again a special thanks to Quentin who keeps our field in great order. And to the special members who go the extra mile.

We started the year with a 1500 foot ceiling and ended back at 400 feet. That's a challenge for 2018.

The year has bought some great new members and some new exciting "aircraft".

Best wishes to all and your families and may Santa buy you something that flies.

*Ron and the Committee*

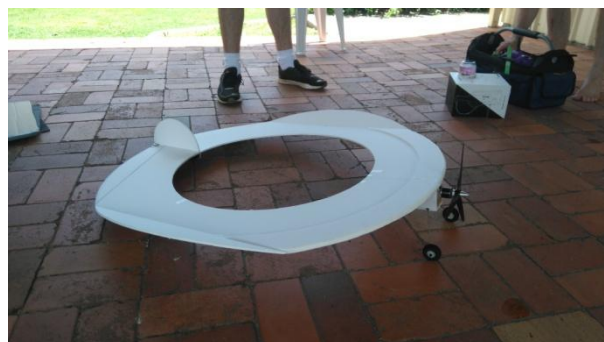
## *Passable Pilots*

Congratulations to Mike Sparrow (Power) and Mike Kolver (Glider) on passing for their Solo Wings.

## *Crash Course*

Don't mention crashes, but Russell will be conducting a crash course for potential new members in the new year.

## *What is it?*



You might think that this is a giant's toilet seat but I can assure that it is one of Steve W's latest inventions and it actually flies.

## ***RAMS Christmas Party***

Your committee decided to change from the usual venue at the field and instead book up the Alexandra Hotel for lunch on the 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2017. Pilots and their long suffering partners attended the very informal and relaxing party of forty-four. Our president gave a very short address and John T made a presentation to the Most Enterprising Pilot and the Most Innovative Pilot these going to Cal M and Steve W respectively.

Hans drew the raffle which was won by John L first prize and Ernie drew his own number ! ! ! to claim the second prize.

Among the attendees were Hans who is celebrating his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday this month, Andrew Grant (a former Junior and Senior Member of RAMS and now a Pilot with Cathay Pacific) together with Jim Grant's grandchild,

Here is a random photo selection of RAMS Party goers.



*Pam Tranter with Jim's grandson and proud father Andrew Grant.*



## ***All I want for Christmas***

This is Steve W's dream of what Christmas is all about and I wonder if his wish will come true?



## ***ESC amperage too low !***

Photo shows the result when your esc is not of sufficient amps for the power output.



## ***Special Thanks***

On behalf of all Members I would like to pass on a vote of thanks for the good work done throughout the year by the RAMS Committee. Being on the committee is not an easy task especially for the Secretary/Treasurer – so a special thank-you to John M for carrying out his duties in this onerous position and of course thanks to our President Ron, Vice Bob and Vice Rob. Say that quickly – Ron, Rob, Bob.

## ***New Members***

A warm welcome to our latest members joining RAMS, Ted Sando and Steve Bayliss. We are all happy to help you in this wonderful pastime called rc flying so don't be afraid to ask. Not only that, but the general discussion which is carried on over coffee breaks at the flying field includes many topics such as mobile phone discounts, electricity problems, good restaurants, lawn mowers and so on.

Late news is that we have two Members Christine and Malcolm joining RAMS on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

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