

# CMAC NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

## December – January 2017-18

Members all,

Some recent things from around the Club are described below:

### 1. End of Year BBQ breakfast

Somewhat short notice, but please come along to a BBQ breakfast this Saturday 23 December to mark the Festive Season and hopefully to enjoy more of the superb flying weather we've been having recently.

### 2. Web masters, old and new

David Haycraft has been a very dutiful minder of our CMAC website. I did a survey recently of RC flying clubs around Australia, and our website is easily one of the most up-to-date, interesting and useful. David has put in a big effort tending our site for years now, but wants to pass the reigns to another member. Andrew Tridgell has taken it up for the time being.

Thank you, David, for all the effort put in on our web presence.

### 3. Working bee - good result

Thanks to all who turned up to lend a hand. The field is more tidy now that the loose matting has been rolled up, and the weeds around the fences pulled up or knocked down.

### 4. Club flying and safety – the thinking continues

The working group on CMAC flying rules will report in the new year. It is possible that future flight rules for CMAC will place greater emphasis on the broad consideration of other flyers and somewhat less on preparing tight, highly specific, rules. Of course, all changes will be in keeping with the MAAA.

Please, keep communicating in the flight box. In my view, that's the thing which will make the biggest difference.

### 5. The Ugly Duckling Day is still coming

We all have (or really should have if you consider yourself an rc flyer of any standing) a broken plane that's been waiting in limbo, either to toss in the bin or return to life. Resuscitate it. I will try to bring my Bird-Of-Time Glider back from the brink (it's been in the Pacific Ocean twice, and wrecked on the rocks and then snapped by the car boot door. You get the idea.

### 6. Silver Wings, Gold Wings

We continue to have pilots (of all ages) obtaining their Silver Wings, which is great. Justin Galbraith (our CFI) is the person to see first if you'd like to explore getting Wings, but we have quite a few other instructors who can help.

How about making 2018 the year for your obtaining Gold Wings?

### 7. Facebook page

Please, feel free to post to CMAC's Facebook page with photos of your aircraft and the Club's friendly goings-on.