

CMAC NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

July-Aug – 2018



Members all,

News from around the Club is covered below.

1. AGM reminder

A reminder that the 2018 AGM will be on Thursday 16 August at 7pm at the Irish Club, 6 Parkinson St Weston. The main business will be to elect Committee Members for 2018-19. Please come along.

2. Membership stickers

We'll soon have some small, round, CMAC stickers to help a little with identifying who's a Member and who's not in 2018-19, but also perhaps to assist with a sense of club spirit. These will be available via a Committee Member soon. Stick it somewhere visible!

3. Working Bee

Our half-year tidy up (and in preparation for the scale rally/event) will be on Sun 26 Aug starting at 8.30am. Please bring whipper snippers, brooms, blowers, etc. Many hands make light work.

4. CMAC Scale event, 1-2 Sept.

CMAC's scale weekend will be held on the first weekend in September (1-2 Sept). We will need cooks, marshals, general helpers and the like. Please chip in, as well as bring your scale bird.

5. The 30m rule.

Following extended discussions around the Club, the MAAA has recently confirmed to me that the only people allowed within 30m of RC aircraft taking off, in flight or landing are those who are directly involved with the operation of model aircraft and who are MAAA members or people specifically covered by MAAA's Policy for Visitor Insurance. What this means is that Members and Visitors need to be mindful of what they are doing within 30m of the strip and, in particular, whether they should be in the Pilot's Box. Naturally, the 30m rule applies to the heli/multi-rotor hovering areas too.

6. Minor amendments to Club Operating Procedures.

The Committee recently agreed that the Procedures include the following:

- visiting MAAA pilots be limited to 4 visits per year, not including special events, before being required to obtain affiliate membership (2.2 of the Procedures).
- that the Procedures remind people of the MAAA 30 m rule (3.1.1 of the Procedures).
- the club's field and driveway location be more accurately described with regard to the Alexander Maconochie Centre turnoff (2.1 of the Procedures)

7. More mobile tables

The Club will have a couple of new mobile tables soon –welcome additions to the two tables we already have.

8. Brian Malaquin – CMAC Treasurer to hang up his hat.

After many years of dutiful Service, Brian Malaquin will stand down as treasurer at our next AGM. He has been an excellent Treasurer (and diligent keeper of the member lists and membership files) and the Club owes him a big debt of gratitude. Thank you, Brian.

9. Encouraging new memberships

The additional "one-off" first time CMAC membership levy has been lowered from \$100 to \$50 to help attract some new members. Here's hoping it works! Spread the word.