

# PROP WASH

The Rockhampton Model Aero Club Inc.

Monthly Newsletter

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## RMAC

### IN FLOOD 2011

Throughout the weeks gone by, the media has portrayed the magnitude and severe devastation of the recent flooding in Queensland. The vast area of land that was affected is massive, with our own Gavial field being amongst the inundated areas. With the Fitzroy River peaking at 9.2m, it was difficult to tell how high the water was over the field. Based on aerial photos provided from Neil Gallant, the field had approximately one meter of water over the surface.

Early preparation was the key, with the tractor being moved to higher ground, the fridge, BBQ and other items either removed from the field or placed on tables to escape the flooded waters. Thank you to all the members who assisted with this process. Once the water had receded, the damage we were faced with could be examined. In my opinion, the field survived quite well considering the situation. As expected, the toilet block was filled with debris and rubbish and debris was also stuck on the boundary fences and pieces of rubbish found scattered around the place.

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## Monthly Meeting *Points of Interest...*

- One of our club foundation members, Gordon Shields recently passed away on the 1<sup>st</sup> of February. Gordon was active in aero modeling and many cultural activities around the Rockhampton region.
- An update on the barbeque food preparation table was provided and the table is almost complete.
- As part of the correspondence into the club, we have received FAI pylon championship entry forms. If anyone is interested in a pylon championship form, please contact a member of the club executive.
- Field repairs due to the recent significant weather events are continuing. Our pits shade cloth needs repair. Bert F provided quotes of various wires with prices varying between certain types of wire. The option of high tensile steel wire is to be purchased in the near future.
- Terry Irving put forward ideas and contact information about our club submitting forms to receive grants. After some discussion, all present agreed that the club will begin the process to apply for grants.



### Kick Start Sporting and Club Expo

Three members (Bert F, Laurie C and John S) represented our club at the Rockhampton Regional Council Kick Start Sporting and Club Expo held at the Rockhampton Showgrounds. Plenty of models were present to fill the space allocated. Large numbers of public attended the expo with some of the general public showing an interest in model aircraft.

### Receiver's

- 2 x JR R700 (36mhz) 7ch 36.47fm **\$40.00 each ONO**
- JR 9ch R900s 36mhz 36.47fm **\$90.00 ONO**

### World Models Sky Raider 40 Size - Ready to Fly

LOW WING (Has wing bag), thunder tiger pro46 motor. Comes with servo's, receiver, battery. Never crashed **\$140.00 ONO**

### Xtreme Stick

LOW WING, thunder tiger pro46 motor. Has flaps on wing. Also has wing bag. Comes with 7 servo's, battery and receiver (RS77S). Never crashed **\$150.00 ONO**

### Thunder Tiger Raptor 50

Has Kasama Head, Os 50 hyper motor. Tuned Pipe, Radix Blades, Futaba 401 gyro & 9252 servo. Comes with heaps of spares, too many to list. Enough to build another heli if you want.....Frames, booms, canopy's. If interested please call to arrange time to have a look.. Asking **\$450.00**. **Combat fuse and wing with 2 servo's \$20.00**

Contact Bert Gilbert - PH: 0428 269 335



The...

**David Georgeson**



**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February**

**Gavial Field**

**Memorial Competition**

Fly ANY aircraft in this fantastic event in honour of our late member. You must nominate your time of flight before you fly and your maximum motor run will be 50% of the chosen flight time. A minimum of 3 flights must be completed on the day. A sausage sizzle will be held after the competition. So come along, bring your model and have a great morning.

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The pits fence was knocked over by the sheer force of the floodwater and road was scoured in numerous places.

The strip survived well with scouring in a couple of places. On Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January, the first working bee was held to begin the repairs at the field. 18 members were present where a lot of good progress was made. Don McKenzie provided his earthmoving equipment to spread the truck loads of road base that were purchased by the club to repair the field road. Thank you Don for your efforts. Furthermore, the pits fence was re-erected and all the boundary fences were cleared of debris and the process of cleaning the toilet block commenced and terrific progress was made. The fridge was put back in place and the power was switched on and working successfully. Thank you to all the members who assisted in this working bee. More working bees are to be held in the near future to complete the repairs. If you can assist at future working bees, your help would be greatly appreciated. Please ensure to check emails from the club regarding the field repairs.



**Above:** Member's assisted throughout the morning at the first working bee.

**64th MAAA Nationals**

Yep...it's true, the 64th MAAA Nationals did go ahead at Dalby, with only two RMAC members that we know of that were able to attend. (And the two of them were poonies). Barry Fredrickson and John Payne were the two that attended. And the results are as follows:  
**Pattern:** F3A Masters - John 1<sup>st</sup> (John was also the contest director for Pattern).  
**Control Line:** F2B - Barry 3<sup>rd</sup>, Classic Stunt - Barry 3<sup>rd</sup>, Vintage Stunt - Barry 4<sup>th</sup>  
John tells me the Dalby club put on a great nationals given the rain they had just before, with all the fields being in first class condition. The media portrayed the situation at Dalby to be far worse than what it was. Congratulations John and Barry on your achievements.



# PROPWASH PHOTOS



**Above:** Laurie Chetter down at the toilet block. The Fitzroy River was at 8.6m at the time of this photo.



**Above Right:** The damage to the pits fence after the floodwaters had receded.



**Above:** The pits fence after the working bee held on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## Dates to remember

- ◆ 20th February - David Georgeson Memorial Comp, RMAC Gavial Field
- ◆ 27th February - 11am Club Meeting, RMAC Gavial Field
- ◆ 30th April, 1st – 2nd May – Pylon Weekend, RMAC Gavial Field
- ◆ 10th April - Gladstone Fun Fly (RSVP 3rd April)
- ◆ 14th - 15th May - Terry Phillipson Memorial Competition, Gavial Field
- ◆ 24th - 26th June - Tri City Helicopter Weekend, RMAC Gavial Field
- ◆ 30th - 31st July - Sarina Old Timer Competition (Preliminary dates)
- ◆ Every Tuesday - Indoor Flying at Bouldercombe Rec. Centre. 6.30pm

