



# Propwash

## Monthly Newsletter

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## Congratulations Hubert

At the dinner on Saturday night Hubert de Chastel was awarded "Life Membership" to the RMAC in recognition of his selfless years of service and dedication to the club. For the first time in my recollection Hubert was speechless. A well deserved recognition, congratulations Hubert.

## Most Improved

Also awarded on Saturday night was the one remaining trophy still presented in the club, the years "Most Improved" award. This year it was deservedly won by Laurie Chetter

## RMAC Display Day Report

The 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

"Those magnificent men and their *Model* flying machines"

Model Aircraft Air show.

Congratulations to all members involved in our recent air show. The RFDS reported to me that they made over \$500 from gate takings, while nick reported a sell-out of all steak burgers and snag rolls and a near on sell-out of soft drinks.

As far as actual numbers concerning the general public, it has been estimated that around 450 people passed through the gate during the show.

Unfortunately due to the unpredictable weather conditions we had to cancel some of the planned events, these being the chuckies, control line and Old Timers. We did plan to go ahead with old timer but one had a mishap in the pits while the other did actually



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get into the air with heavy damage sustained after landing.

A huge thank you goes to the 60<sup>th</sup> committee for all their help while a special thank you goes to both Rory and Mike for keeping a finger on the pulse of the pits and flight line happenings. Without you the show would have been utter chaos. Thank you also to Nick and Team Welburn and all his impromptu staff to keep the thronging crowd happy with food and drinks. Those steak burgers were great. Please keep the good food coming.

Finally a thank you to all my sponsors. We now have water in the toilet block tank and have seen perhaps the most successful air show in some years. It was 12 months in planning with a lot of grey hair added towards the end. This was my first job as the club's P.R. Officer and I believe it was a rousing success.

Thank you to all involved. A great effort.  
Craig

### **Caterers Corner** or **What's for lunch Nick???**

Firstly, let me congratulate the organisers and committee members responsible for the 60th celebrations, this was obviously not an easy task to take on, but the successes of the 3 weekend events to date just goes to show what a dedicated group of model enthusiasts can do when the situation calls for it. On behalf of the Catering team and all those who helped out I would like to say a big Thank you, you did just fine !!!

For the weekend of 22nd Nov, the lunch provided to club members and their families was a real hit, good flying and an excellent social occasion enjoyed by all who attended. Community health (Aboriginal and Islander Health Services) kindly provided their outreach truck which gave us an airconditioned work area, storage facility and generator, fuel included. My thanks to Elaine and her dedicated staff for the use of the truck throughout all 3 weekends.

The next one, the Public display was a combination of Hurricane Tracy, Steak Burgers, Sausages, cold drinks, Tea and Coffee. Team Welburn and all those who helped out were literally hammered, by the end of the day, there was little food left, but I only took

home 6 cans of lemon solo and about half a metric ton of good topsoil..... took an hour to clean out the truck, and 2 hours to do the washing up. The skills of those who flew in atrocious conditions was well appreciated by the public waiting for a feed.... some of the compliments overheard should be put in a book... Team Welburn mascot Catherine, was suckered into participating in one of the best scams I've seen in a while, the public loved that one. Did I mention the dust ??

The last and certainly not the least, the fly-in, the weekend of 4th and 5th November. Apparently someone panicked over the prediction of torrential rain, sleet, snow, earthquake and insurance claims and suggested the weekend be "postponed" till an ark could be built.....I'd offer a free snag next weekend if this person could be correctly identified, but it will probably rain. !!! The visitors from Mackay and Sarina copped some of our rain on Friday night and joined our members for a Steakburger, Sausage, Cold drink, Tea and Coffee lunch on both days, and if you were around on Sunday morning you would have enjoyed a bacon and egg, grilled tomato and toast, tea and coffee breakfast too ! The days were excellent weather, the



ARTWORK: JOHN DOWNER

Poor dear, just can't get them to fly, can you. Well, I've got one that's guaranteed, a real floater!



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sun shone and a gentle breeze blew. It has been our pleasure to cater for our club once again.

Things have now returned to normal, the dishes are done, the urn is packed away, the cups are in the cupboard, the aches and pains are getting better and we all look forward to providing you with good food and drink next time.... My thanks to all, especially to my wife Vicki, daughter Catherine and son Michael, gold cannot pay your wages for the last 3 weeks.

Nick.... Team Welburn

A reminder that the club BBQ's are on the 2nd and 4th Sundays and there will be one this coming Sunday(19th)...

Nick

# Shop'n'Swap

We are taking orders for the next run of shirts, the first dozen disappeared very quickly.

These will have the large RMAC logo on the back (screen printed) and a small embroidered RMAC logo on the front.

Names embroidered on the front on request.

We need at least 12 to make a screen printing run viable. You can supply your own shirts if desired.

Cost will be \$18ea (this of course depends on us getting the shirts we want at the price we want)

or \$8ea if you supply the shirt.

contact Mike Boland

## For Sale

### JR 3810 Transmitter.

This is the original 3810 in that it doesn't have digital trims. Owned by myself since new the only thing I have replaced is the battery pack. This was due to the original one that shat itself. It now has an 1100 mah pack that's 12 months old and is always stored fully charged.

I'm selling this radio to fund a bigger and better JR set, as I need more functions. There is nothing wrong with this set whatsoever. Transmitter will be sold with the original module in the back, that being a single crystal type module. You will need to provide your own crystal too.

I'm asking \$350 as is. Contact Craig on 0408 782985 after hours only.

## Fun Fly Weekend

The rains came on Friday but we resisted postponing the weekend and the weather turned out beautiful for flying. The regulars from Serina and Mackay clubs turned out in numbers and a fun time was had by all, even though the attrition rate was pretty high, some members running out of planes before we ran out of events.

The leisurely pace meant we only had 4 comps for the 2 days, and the winners were:

**Limbo - Chris Lawn**

**Taxi Race - Craig Rankin**

**Egg Drop - Gary de Chastel**

**Streamer Cut (Combat):**

**Saturday - Lindsay More**

**Sunday - Rory Birch**

Thanks go to all those members that came to make the weekend the success it was





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<http://www.rmac.org.au/Newsletter.htm>

## 60th Committee Report

Now that the 60th festivities are well and done, it is time to take stock and add up the plusses and minuses to see what we have or haven't achieved in this 4 weeks of celebration.

Firstly I must thank and congratulate all the members of the 60th Committee, and their helpers, for the extensive hours and huge effort they put into getting this 4 weeks organised. This selfless effort is what truly makes for a great club.

We have also achieved a lot of field upgrades leading up to the events, refreshed sign, new windsocks, water pump for shower, full tanks, just to name the obvious few. These jobs were the combined effort of many and I can't thank particular people without forgetting to include someone, so you all know who you are and should feel duly proud of your efforts.

But all is not quite finished for the our 60th year, we have a couple of special items still remaining.

### 1. 60th Anniversary Glasses.

These are Whiskey style glasses with "RMAC 60th Anniversary 2006" nicely etched onto the side. Price is \$10ea and can be ordered from Geoff Black.

### 2. 60th Anniversary DVD.

If you attended any of the events over the 4 weeks you might have noticed the diligent efforts of John Muscat, our resident cinematographer, with his camera recording events, interviewing people, zooming in on mishaps. All this effort is going into a professionally produced DVD chronicling the club and it's 60th year.

The DVD will be available in about a month, hopefully before Christmas, depending on Johns workload of course.

Price TBA.

And what haven't we achieved, well we still don't have a bitumen runway, but were working on it :-)

After every flight, pilots fill out a form called a gripe sheet, which conveys to the mechanics problems encountered with the aircraft during the flight that need repair or correction.

The mechanics read and correct the problem, and then respond in writing on the lower half of the form what remedial action was taken, and the pilot reviews the gripe sheets before the next flight.

Never let it be said that ground crews and engineers lack a sense of humor!

Here are some actual logged maintenance complaints and problems as submitted by Qantas pilots and the solution recorded by maintenance engineers.

By the way, Qantas is the only major airline that has never had an accident.

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(P = The problem logged by the pilot.)  
(S = The solution and action taken by the engineers.)  
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P: Left inside main tire almost needs replacement.  
S: Almost replaced left inside main tire.

P: Test flight OK, except auto-land very rough.  
S: Auto-land not installed on this aircraft.

P: Something loose in cockpit.  
S: Something tightened in cockpit.

P: Dead bugs on windshield.  
S: Live bugs on back-order.

P: Autopilot in altitude-hold mode produces a 200 feet per minute descent.  
S: Cannot reproduce problem on ground.

P: Evidence of leak on right main landing gear.  
S: Evidence removed.

P: DME volume unbelievably loud.  
S: DME volume set to more believable level.

P: Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick.  
S: That's what they're there for.

P: IFF inoperative.  
S: IFF always inoperative in OFF mode.

P: Suspected crack in windshield.  
S: Suspect you're right.

P: Number 3 engine missing.  
S: Engine found on right wing after brief search.

P: Aircraft handles funny.  
S: Aircraft warned to straighten up, fly right, and be serious.

P: Target radar hums.  
S: Reprogrammed target radar with lyrics.

P: Mouse in cockpit.  
S: Cat installed.

## Dates To Remember

### Next club meeting for 2006

Friday 24th November at the Rocky Aero Club rooms.

### Indoor Flying

Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday evening at Bouldercombe Rec. Centre, 6.30pm