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EDF DAY 16th AUGUST

EDF Day 2020 was a great event, the first event held since the start of the pandemic. The winds were about 15kms however it was straight down the strip.

With 20 members and visitors there was plenty of time to get our four minute flights in. It was great to see the variety of EDFs on the day, ranging from sports jets to warbirds.

Thank you, Michael, from Wired RC, for sponsoring the day. There were three competitions on the day, the best sounding jet, lowest pass and the pilot's raffle. Mikkel was the winner for both on field competitions, SU-30 for best sounding jet and almost for lowest pass too, however his AL37 achieved that. Malcolm won the pilot's raffle which was the eflite Fury, with spare landing gear.

Also a huge WELL DONE to Macca who had few bad arrivals, hot glued and kept on flying his A-4.

It's all about the landing

Many thanks to Phil, Lyn, Pat, Dave and Alan for helping on the day and preparing the field for the event.

Hope to see more pilots next year when I hold EDF Day earlier in the year.

Regards,

Mark Kruse
Newsletter Editor/Web Administrator

President's Report

Transmitter October 2020

Annual General Meeting.

The Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday 19th September, with the following elected to the Committee:

- President. Phil Gartshore.
- Secretary. Noel Stewart.
- Treasurer. Phil Collings.
- Registrar. Lois Collings.
- Public Relations Officer. Will Sipma.
- Web Master. Mark Kruse.
- Newsletter Editor. Mark Kruse.
- Committee Member. Lyn Wilson.
- Committee Member. Pat Wilson.

Congratulations to the Committee Members. I look forward to working with you this year.

TMAC General Meetings

Even though the Carina Leagues club has now reopened, we are no longer able to use their facilities. For the remainder of the year, General meetings will be held on the Saturday following the first Wednesday of each month. I note that at the September General meeting it was greed that due to the deferred September meeting, the October be cancelled.

General Meetings for the remainder of the year will be held at Porter Field as follows:

- **October.** ~~11:00am Saturday 10th October.~~ **CANCELLED**.
- **November.** 11.00am. Saturday 7th October.
- **December.** 11:00am Saturday 5th December.

The Committee will keep you informed as we progress looking for a new venue.

Porter Field Operations during Coronavirus Restrictions

Even though there has been some relaxation by the Queensland Chief Health Officer, TMAC will continue with it COVID Safe plan to ensure members can continue flying with minimal inclvenience. The requirements are:

- All attendees to sign in on arrival, and out on departure.
- One pilot per bay in the Pits. Pilots can also set up on the grass at the ends of the pits if required.
- Four pilots at the Pilot's position.
- Maximum of two persons in the Canteen at any one time.

Please continue to observe social distancing at all times. This is especially important given our membership demographic, with roughly half of our members are 60 or older and male, which puts many members in the high-risk category.

Just a reminder of the requirement to stay home and get tested if you have:

- fever,
- cough,
- sore throught, or
- shortness of breath.

Also to:

- wash hands regularly,
- cover coughs and sneezes, and
- maintain social distancing.

Event Calendar 2020

The Committee has considered events and is happy that TMAC can run events for the remainder of the year, subject to declarations by the Queensland Chief Health Officer.

The Event Calendar has been updated and provided in this edition. Upcoming events for the remainder of this year are the 46 Size Warbirds Day in October, and the Biplanes and Warbirds Day (includes the Dave Summers Cup) in November. Flyers included in this edition.

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel the Christmas Party, due to COVID issues.

We are also waiting on MAAQ notification of the resumption of Indoor Flying at Chandler Sports Centre.

Dave Summer's Cup Memorial Day - Sunday 15th November

The Dave Summer's Cup will be contested as part of the Biplanes and Warbirds Day on Sunday 15th November. Dave Summers was a long-time member of TMAC and only gave up flying in his mid 80's when age and infirmity made flying no longer possible for him. Dave had an interesting life – to put it mildly. He was a graphic artist (long before computers when everything was done by hand), a member of 61 Battalion Cameron Highlanders, a Milne Bay veteran, and, by war's end, an officer in the Intelligence Corps. After the war Dave went on to take over his father-in-law's farm and became a salt of the earth cow cocky. When all that became too much he and his wife retired to Brisbane. All those who knew Dave liked him for the true gentleman he was and saw through the shit-stirring, banter loving, crotchety old bastard he pretended to be. Proud of your new Spitfire? Dave said it wasn't a bad Messerschmitt, but you got the markings wrong! Bounced on landing? Dave would say it wasn't a bad ratio – one take-off to every four landings! Mind you, if something went seriously wrong and you came back with only bits of aircraft you always knew Dave was dinkum when he came to commiserate. All in all Dave was the kind of club member TMAC wishes there were more of.

Contest for the "Trophy".

Dave built some lovely model aircraft and those he loved most were of the pre-WW2 variety – hence that is what the Cup is for. To be more specific, aircraft contesting the trophy must:

a. have been designed and flown before WWII; and,
b. not seen active combat service in that conflict or since.

1. The contest for the "Trophy" shall be between TMAC members registered to participate at the Dave Summers Trophy Memorial Day, and presented to the member who achieves the highest score for a scale model in static display as determined by an independent judge.
2. Winning shall be conditional upon the demonstrated ability of the model to remain airborne in controlled flight for not less than one minute on the day of the event [This at the judge's discretion dependent on weather conditions and whether the model has been previously seen to fly].
3. The "Cup" cannot be won twice with the same model.

Judging

1. The Event Co-ordinator, or a member nominated by the Event Co-ordinator, shall invite a suitably qualified person to be judge.
1. TMAC members who are contestants for the "Cup" shall not be invited to be judges.
2. Judging shall be based on the standard of construction and realism and scored to a maximum of 100 points.
3. Models to be judged may be subjected to scrutiny provided they are not handled by the judge.
4. The Judges may discuss any aspect of the construction of a model with its owner.

Obligations under Porter Field Area Approval

Just a reminder about your obligations under the Porter Field Area Approval. Please assume that non-members may be around at any time. Just like making threats to aviation at airports, **do not make jokes about these requirements at any time**:

- **Radio Range Check.** Pilots shall successfully complete a range check as per the manufacturer's recommendation prior to the first flight of the day.
- **Fail-safe Check.** Pilots shall test the radio fail-safe function (where fitted) for correct operation prior to the first flight of the day.
- **Pre-flight Air-worthiness Check.** Pilots shall conduct a pre-flight check of aircraft prior to every flight to ensure airworthiness. All control surfaces are to be checked to ensure they are not binding and are operating correctly.
- **Height Limit.** The maximum height limit is 400ft AGL at Porter Field.

Reporting Crashes outside Porter Field Boundary

Finally a reminder that you must provide a written report to the Secretary if you crash an aircraft outside the Porter Field boundary, if anyone is injured, or if property is damaged. Remember, never admit liability; leave it to our insurers.

Providing a report is not a reflection on the pilot, but provides a record in case the club is served with a claim against the MAAA insurance policy.

For Safety – Restrain your aircraft!

If you have any questions or issues, please contact me (president@tmac.asn.au).

Regards,

Phil Gartshore
President.

HEIGHT LIMIT
400 FEET

(Civil Aviation **Safety** Regulations 1998 – Part 101)

NO FLYING THIS SIDE OF THE FLIGHT STRIP

TMAC Calendar to December 2020

October 2020	Sat 10	Meeting	~~**11:00am Saturday 10th October**~~. **CANCELLED.**	**Secretary** m: 0412 525 127
	Fri 9	Night Event	~~**INDOOR FLYING** (Chandler Sports Centre 7.00pm - 10.00pm).~~ **CANCELLED.** (2nd Friday of the month, unless advised otherwise)	**Phil Collings** m: 0419 768 490
	Sat 10	Maintenance	**Working Bee** (Porter Field 7.00am - 10:00am)	**Will Sipma** m: 0409 852 694
	Sun 11	Event	**46 Size Warbirds Day** (Porter Field 8:00am - 2:00pm)	**Aaron O'Neill** m: 0447 774 070
	Sat 24	Overseas Event	~~**ALLAN DANVERS CHALLENGE** (Norfolk Island)~~ **CANCELLED.**	**Will Sipma** m: 0409 852 694
November 2020	Sat 7	Meeting	**General Meeting** (11.00am Porter Field)	**Secretary** m: 0412 525 127
	Fri 13	Night Event	~~**INDOOR FLYING** (Chandler Sports Centre 7.00pm - 10.00pm).~~ **CANCELLED.** (2nd Friday of the month, unless advised otherwise)	**Phil Collings** m: 0419 768 490
	Sat 14	MAAQ	**MAAQ General Meeting** (Salisbury Hotel 2:00pm)	**MAAQ Secretary** e: secretary@maaq.org
	Sat 14	Maintenance	**Working Bee** (Porter Field 7.00am -10:00am)	**Will Sipma** m: 0409 852 694
	Sun 15	Event	**BI-PLANES & WARBIRDS** (Porter Field 8.00am - 2.00pm), includes the **Dave Summer's Cup** Includes **The Dave Summer's Trophy**	**Phil Collings** m: 0419 768 490
	Sun 22	Non-Flying Event	~~**Christmas Dinner** (11.00am - 3.00pm Porter Field)~~ **CANCELLED**	**Lyn Wilson** m: 0417 493 785
	Mon 30	Newsletter	**December Newsletter Published** (NOTE: Contributions close one week prior)	**Mark Kruse** e: editor@tmac.asn.au
December 2020	Sat 5	Meeting	**General Meeting** (11.00am Porter Field)	**Secretary** m: 0412 525 127
	Fri 11	Night Event	~~**INDOOR FLYING** (Chandler Sports Centre 7.00pm - 10.00pm).~~ **CANCELLED.** (2nd Friday of the month, unless advised otherwise)	**Phil Collings** m: 0419 768 490
	Fri 25	Public Holiday	**Christmas Day** - Porter Field Closed	**Secretary** m: 0412 525 127

President's Report

Annual General Meeting held Saturday 19th September 2020

TMAC has completed another year despite some trying issues for us all. We have a vigorous Committee that is moving the club forward with a number of improvements. Membership was down slightly, exceeding 200 last year, and already at over 200 this year. The big challenge this year has been COVID-19, which has resulted in only small closures to Porter Field. I hope members are happy with our approach, and feel they are receiving value for their membership dollar.

A warm welcome to all the new members this year; please contact me if there is anything I can do to assist.

Improvements to the field

We have been busy investing in the club facilities this year. Thanks to Will and the projects team for their never-ending energy on projects. Highlights include:

1. **Boundary Signage.** Will Sipma, Bob Neil, and Art Sipma for the erection.
2. **Entry Road Maintenance**. Will.
3. **Security System upgrade.** Ron Dobbie.
4. **Disabled Parking and Access Pathways**. Will.
5.

Upcoming projects for 2021 will be somewhat subdued:

1. **Club Shirts and Caps.** Lyn Wilson.
2. **Replacement of Solar Inverter and Storage.** Will.
3. **New Boundary Fence for the Rotary Wing area.** Noel & Will.

Financials

Phil Collings will present the Audited Financial Reports shortly, but suffice to say, TMAC is financially in good shape.

MAAQ

There was a change approved to the MAAQ rules, which reduced the size of the committee. Some toles are now appointed by the Committee. This includes the Admin positions, and the newsletter editor.

The MAAQ AGM was held on Tuesday 25th August. The MAAQ Management Committee elected consists of:

- **President.** Michael Hobson.
- **Vice President.** Craig Burkhardt.
- **Secretary.** Greg Petherick.
- **Treasurer & Registrar.** Randall Mowlam.
- **Public Relations Officer.** Steve O'Connell.
- **Development Officer.** Mick Dallman.
- **CFI Admin.** Steve Lightowler.

TMAC Committee

Members should be proud to have such a hard-working Committee. Their tireless work is the reason this club runs so smoothly:

- Thanks to **Noel Stewart** for continuing as Secretary this year for the first time. In addition thanks to Noel for his continuing work on out lease renewal, which Council advises is nearly there.
- Thanks to **Phil Collings** for his steadying hand on the finances again this year. This has meant that at times, we have had to defer projects while our financials recovered. As a result, TMAC continues to be in good shape financially.
- Thanks to **Lois Collings** for her work as Registrar. The Registrar is a very important role, because it ensures that our membership records and fees are tracked and recorded correctly. Lois has worked hard to master the mysteries of the MAAA membership system and get members renewals processed in a timely fashion.
- A big thank-you to **Will Sipma** for his PRO and project work again this year. His unending energy in completing projects ensures that we all enjoy the club. Will also acts as Liaison officer dealing with government and other external parties.
- Thanks to **Peter Biddle** for being the newsletter editor once again after a break. Peter always gets the Transmitter out on time. Peter is retiring this year, so a big thanks for his work over the years.
- Thanks to **Anthony Griffiths** for his work maintaining the web site. Anthony quietly keeps the website without most of us even knowing, and always resolves any issues quickly. Anthony is retiring this year, so a big thanks to Anthony for rewriting and maintaining the web site for so many years.
- **Other Committee members.** Their assistance includes working on the various improvement projects, preparing grant applications, and helping the executive when we struggle for time to get things done. Thank you for all your assistance this year:
    - **Pat and Lyn Wilson.** Caterers extraordinaire, and all their helpers. Your contribution to our girth is appreciated. Also, their continuing work on the club shirts and caps.

COVID-19

This has been a challenge, balance compliance with facilities availability, as CHO Directives have continued to change. As I mentioned, I am happy that we have been able to minimise the closures over the last six months.

Also, a big thank you to members who have been particularly good complying with the various restrictions that allow us all to keep Porter Field open.

Events

This year due to COVID-19, we have had to cancel some events, but this provided more general flying. Thanks to all those who put in their time to run events this year. There is a huge effort to run these that not all members are necessarily aware of. Special Thanks to the organisers:

- **Martin Homann** for running the **Electric Day** in July 2019.
- **Pat Wilson** for running the **Model Expo** in September 2019.
- **Aaron O'Neill** for hosting the **40 size Warbirds** day in October 2019.
- **Will Sipma** for running the **Allan Danvers Challenge** on Norfolk Island in October 2019.
- **Phil Collings** for running the **Bi-Planes & Warbirds Day** in November 2019.
- **Pat and Lyn Wilson** for running the **Xmas Party** also in December 2019.
- **Noel Stewart** for hosting the **SCAF Warbirds Day** in March 2020.
- **Phil Collings** for running the monthly **Indoor Flying** events at Chandler throughout the year when the venue was available.

Thanks also to the unsung heroes who just turn up at these events and chip in, helping with catering, manning flight lines, and marking out taxiways.

So, of you feel you would like to run an event but don't yet have the experience, please just approach one of the event coordinators to assist.

Safety

While we generally operate safely at TMAC, it seems members need to be reminded periodically that every member is a safety officer, and we need to alert other members to unsafe practices in a calm manner. When alerted that we are operating unsafely we need to receive the advice calmly, thank the member for considering our welfare, and act to mitigate the unsafe operation. Any further discussion must occur when all parties have completed their flight and are away from the pilot's position.

Also, a reminder of the requirements related to our CASA area approval. Make sure you comply enthusiastically with the New Operational By-Law 18 at all times.

Finally, thank you to the members for being a cooperative and enthusiastic group. You are what makes TMAC great!

Safe flying everyone,
Phil Gartshore,
President.

What is *wrong* with photo?

Yes you guessed correctly, a maximum of ***Four Pilots*** only to be in the Pilot's Box during the Covid 19 restrictions, the areas for each pilot has been designated by a sign. Non pilots are to remain behind the fence. This has been put in place as one of the guidelines for our club to continue to operate during the pandemic. Please adhere to it.

Mark Kruse
Newsletter Editor/Web Administrator

REDUCE YOUR RISK OF COVID-19 INFECTION

WASH HANDS

Wash your hands with soap or use a hand sanitiser when you arrive at the field

COVER A COUGH OR SNEEZE

Cover your cough or sneeze with your sleeves or tissues. Dispose the tissue and wash hands afterwards

SOCIAL DISTANCING

Keep a distance of around 1.5 meters away from others in public

ATTENTION!

If you have experienced a fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath or travelled overseas in the past month, please do not enter this area

The maximum capacity of people in this area is:

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Secretary's Report

Annual General Meeting Saturday 19th September 2020
Secretaries Report

Well, what a year.
The past 12 months have been event-full to say the least. We started off in November through to February with a disastrous bush fire season causing destruction, loss of lives and prolonged closure to many clubs such as ours across the nation.
If that wasn't enough, just as we began to get fully operational again comes the somewhat unbelievable news that we're in for a pandemic the likes unseen in this country since 1919 threatening to cause even greater devastation and disruption, which it has.
For our club, floods have been our only nemesis "operating on a flood plain" but we seem to have learnt to cope with that as they come and go with minimal disruption.
The fires and pandemic have impacted on us to a far greater degree than anything before.
Information regarding the fires and Covid 19 has been confusing at times as we have seen reported repeatedly in the media. This has required us to constantly monitoring for changes to keep top of the situation.
A cautious approach has been necessary to establish what's right for our situation yet comply with Government directives and minimize the impact to members.
Good news however, as of last night it appears restrictions could be easing back again this week. Fingers crossed!
I wish to thank all those members who have emailed me with their advice and suggestions in these trying times and especially those that have offered their positive feedback for the results this committee has provided.

Lease: It is now coming up to 6 months since our lease expired. Contact with Brisbane City Council overall has been positive but unusually slow. With lockdowns affecting everyone including Council Covid 19 has been first cab of the rank to blame for delays everywhere.
Recent news however has shed additional light on the matter as this week the club received information from B.C.C. of changes to their rules relating to Remote Piloted Ariel Systems or R.P.A.S being able to fly in council parks.
These new rules now limit flying of Remote Piloted Aircraft Systems in designated council parks to one kilogram. This information could explain some of the delay and have positive impact on the Heli area lease extension which TMAC applied for along with the lease renewal back in March. These rules would have taken considerable time to work through and approve with stake holders. Some park flyers no doubt would have been displaced due to this new weight limit enforcement. This might bring a few new members to TMAC. We will have to wait and see.

In finishing: It has been an interesting and busy twelve months to say the least.
Thank you to the rest of the out-going committee for an enjoyable, friendly and cohesive year.
Thanks go to you the members as well for your cooperation and understanding overall in these unprecedented times.
Working together for the benefit of all is what makes us T.M.A.C.

Noel Stewart.
Secretary. TMAC.

Awards 2020

Buster Danvers Trophy

The Buster Danvers' Trophy is presented at the Annual General Meeting to a Club member and is an award for Tenacity. This trophy originated with Ken Hollingsworth – Veterinarian and ex. Member of the TMAC, and good friend of Allen Danvers. Allen had a dog named BUSTER who spent a considerable amount of time at the vets being treated for cane toad poisoning. Regardless of what Allen did, BUSTER could not be discouraged from this pursuit. Ken Hollingsworth & Allen decided to inaugurate an Annual Trophy dedicated to the tenacity of BUSTER. This trophy is to be awarded to a TMAC member who regardless of how difficult their aeromodelling journey is, they never give up, just like the tenacity of BUSTER. This year's trophy was presented at the AGM to TMAC member Brett Hosking.

Life Member Trophy

The Life Members' Trophy is chosen by current Life Members. The Life Member's Trophy is an award for excellence. The fields of achievement are not limited and may include success in a prestigious aeromodelling event, overcoming a physical handicap to gain aeromodelling skills, voluntary service to the Club, any other endeavor which describes the recipient as an excellent Club person. The Life Member Trophy for 2020 goes to Noel Stewart for his continued hard work within the Club, his assistance with the field maintenance, recently as Secretary, his lawn mowing and for giving up his limited flying time and hair to train our new or existing members for their wings. Thank you for your service to our club.

MAAA Service MAAA Service Medallion Award - George Atkinson

TMAC member, late of Aeromodellers NSW was recently been presented with the MAAA Service Award by the MAAA Secretary.

George has been a member of the MAAA for more than 25 years. He is currently the Chief Flying Instructor (CFI) for Aeromodellers NSW and has held that position for the last 6 years. Throughout his tenure, George has been a valued member of the ANSW management committee. George's primary purpose and driving force, as CFI, has been to improve the standard of flying and the competency of our pilots.

Chronology:

2014 – now Chief Flying Instructor - Aeromodellers NSW

2014 George, in company with Bob Carpenter, developed the ANSW Training Course which was ultimately adopted by the MAAA and became the MAAA Flight Instructors Course in 2014. This was subsequently rolled out nationally.

2011 – 2014 Deputy CFI, South, of Aeromodellers NSW

George also held the position of CFI for the MAAA for a number of years.

George has flown helicopters in the World Championships, representing Australia.

He holds gold wings for helicopters, fixed wing and multi-rotors.

He is a commercial RPAS pilot and has also been a commercial instructor for many years. He instructs on fixed wing, helicopters and multi-rotor as well as being a heavy model inspector for both fixed wing and rotary wing up to 25 kgs.
George has been tireless in his pursuit of lifting the standard of the average pilot to make the sport better, safer and to reduce the potential for injury. He has always held himself to the highest standards and personal integrity, believing strongly that our actions should demonstrate our abilities and that whenever we fly, we are representing the sport of aeromodelling.

George has put great effort into engaging and supporting the introduction of newcomers to the sport, taking the time to greet and engage interested parties at every opportunity.

Congratulations George! Great Work!

Event Flyers

Tingalpa Model Aero Club

46 Size Warbirds Day

SUNDAY 11th October 2020

Open to all 46 size Warbirds

This is a fun day for all experienced and budding warbird pilots. This is an easy and relaxed introduction to scale warbird aeromodelling.

Pilots registration from 8:00 am
Pilot briefing 8:30 am
MAAA Licence required.

Come along and have a fun day!

Convenor: Aaron O'Neill m:0447 774 070

Location: Porter Field, Stanton Road West, Tingalpa 4173.
Turn into Graystone Street from Wynnum Road, then to Minnippi Parklands

Tingalpa Model Aero Club

Biplanes and Warbirds Day

SUNDAY 15th November 2020

Open to all Biplanes and Warbirds

This is a fun day for all experienced and budding biplane and warbird pilots.
This is an easy and relaxed day.

Pilots registration from 8:00 am
Pilot briefing 8:30 am
MAAA Licence required.

Come along and have a fun day!

Convenor: Phil Collings m:0419 768 490

Location: Porter Field, Stanton Road West, Tingalpa 4173.
Turn into Graystone Street from Wynnum Road, then to Minnippi Parklands

Club Attire

NOTICE OF MOTION

Notice of motion by Lyn Wilson, a financial member of the Tingalpa Model Aero Club, for up to the amount of $4,000.
This will be for the purchase of 75 royal blue polo shirts {a mixture of long and short sleeve sublimated polo shirts and 30 blue oakleaf caps from Sourcelinx located a Slacks Creek.
Thanks
Lyn Wilson

Further explanation if required.
As the minimum order for long sleeve polo shirts is 25. I do not expect to get orders for that many and as a result, I would change the order to a total of 70 short sleeve polo shirts and 50 caps.

TINGALPA MODEL AERO CLUB

ORDER FORM

2020 CLUB POLO SHIRTS

NAME.....

CONTACT NUMBER.....

POLO SHIRT SIZE.....

QTY.....

SHORT SLEEVE ($45.00EA) **YES/NO**

LONG SLEEVE ($50.00EA) **YES/NO**

CROSS OUT WHICHEVER IS NOT APPLICABLE

(SHORT SLEEVE SHIRT/S WILL BE ORDERED IF NOT CROSSED OUT).

AMOUNT PAID $.....

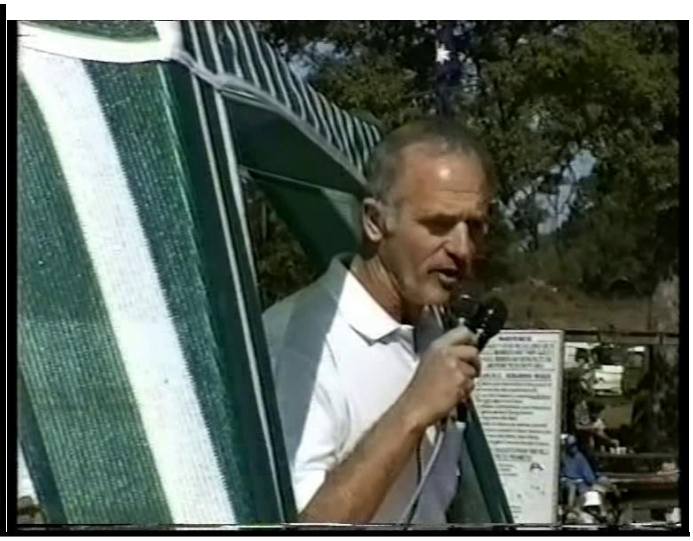
RECIEPT NUMBER.....

DATE.....

LYN WILSON

Notices

Designated drone areas in Brisbane parks – Rule Changes

An update from Brisbane City Council regarding rules in designates drone areas. Note that these do not apply to TMAC's Porter Field lease.
In 2018 Brisbane City Council established designated areas in selected parks across Brisbane for operating drones and other remotely piloted aircraft for recreational purposes.
Use of designated drone areas has generally been positive. One ongoing issue Council has had to address is noise impacts from the operation of fixed-wing model aircraft in these areas.
Starting September 2020 there are new rules for launching drones and other remotely-piloted aircraft from designated drone areas. This is to minimise noise impacts on other park users and neighbouring properties.
Fixed-wing model aircraft may only be used in designated drone areas if they weigh one kilogram or less. And please note the new times for operation of drones and other remotely piloted aircraft in these areas will now be from 7am Monday to Friday and from 9am weekends and public holidays.
All other rules still apply.
A reminder that aircraft must be kept within the designated area only.
New signage is currently being installed in the designated drone areas to reflect these new rules and Council's website is being updated.
Please forward this information on to any other drone or model aircraft operators you know who should be informed of these changes.
For more information about launching drones from Council parks please visit Council's website.
If you have any questions, please contact the TMAC Secretary (secretary@tmac.asn.au)

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