



## Propwash

## November 2020

### From the President



Well the past few months at the club have fitted neatly with the year (COVID) that never was. There have been more ups and downs for the club than my planes suffer when I get to fly them. Firstly the MAAA decided that our club wasn't to even rate to receive even the smallest grant towards our runway upgrade. One day they may remember that it is one of their fields and that they have never contributed to any improvements. Thankfully you the members have though. It looked like the runway improvement was on shaky ground as a result.

So now we get the upside of this in true COVID style. Not long after the bad news we have a "BIG" win with the AWA as we were successful with a \$10,000 grant from them. The runway upgrade is back on track. Thank you AWA for looking after one of the little guys.

Next on the list was a grant from the Capel shire up for grabs (\$3,333) with Ron, our grants commissioner, hot on their tails. Well it was accepted at a meeting but not voted on at their September meeting. In true COVID style there was a glitch, the government decided that they were going to help out clubs and organizations with grants so the shire put their Minor Grants submissions on hold.

The COVID funding of \$1,500 has been approved and an application to have the outstanding amount of \$1,833 to be reconsidered by the Shire has been submitted. The runway may even be straight now.

You the members then voted for the runway to go ahead with the width taken into consideration increasing my chances of hitting it.

As with any of this there is always someone working their butt off behind the scenes. I would personally like to thank Ron as none of this would be anywhere near going ahead without him.

Tirelessly he has followed up on all these grants to give our club the best chance possible of being successful. Thank you Ron.

And. Just when we thought we were COVID free some germs decided to break into the shed and steal the ride on mower and pressure cleaner. Great, but wait there was a silver lining, one of the new members, Andrew McCauley, made an offer to the club to donate his still serviceable "Husqvarna", done, and a huge thank you from the club to you Andrew. Trevor has a guy that is going to bring it up to spec for a very reasonable price. Well negotiated Trev.

I could keep going with things like the battery replacement quickly followed by the fridge but I won't. With the runway job nearing I am urging all that when the call comes for as many hands to be available as possible that we all make the effort. You don't necessarily have to do the physical work but any kind of help, **IS**, actually help.

So even with all this going on in our lives please remember to just have a good time when at the field, relax and enjoy, as who knows what is next for us.

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*An old Irish man was sitting in a bar wondering why he has only three brothers when his sister has four.*

***Merry Christmas to all***



From the Editor



Well this is the last edition for 2020, who would have thought that when 2020 commenced it was about to change our lives forever, I am sure that everyone will sit up until midnight New Years Eve just to make sure it goes away.

Hope this is not what is ahead of us in 2021

Pretty sure this is the bridge you take to get to 2021..



Like everyone else around the world the club had it's year disrupted and things had to change from normal flying activities, however, apart from the Funfly weekend being cancelled it was just a bit restrictive for around five weeks before flying commenced again with some restrictions still in place.

The bonus being we all survived and even though the Virus is still out there if every one continues to be very cautious and complies with restrictions that have been imposed we should continue to stay safe.

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Things have really heated up with the upgrade to the East / West runway to a concrete surface it's looking more like a reality the closer we get to the end of the year.

It was pleasing to be able to advise the meeting on Sunday 25th that the necessary funds for the upgrade had been secured so final preparation work will soon begin.

Contract concrete work is planned to commence late November early December yet to be confirmed by the contractor, however, we will get two weeks prior notice.

Swarms will be required to remove the old surface matting in preparation for the bobcat to commence work.

The bobcat will remove 85mm off the top of old runway surface in preparation for the grando crew to commence the work on the formwork this will be laser controlled.

The first bays will have the formwork put in place on day one and order placed for the concrete pour scheduled for the next day. Depending on what time of day the formwork is completed it may be possible to form and pour some sections on the same day.

On completion of the first pour the formwork will be moved along into place in preparation for the next pour the following day, depending on the progress the project could well be completed over a four day period yet to be confirmed and without any holdups.

When concreting is complete back filling along the edges will need to be completed.

I would like to thank those who have contributed financially to the funding for the project including the clubs contribution, AWA, Capel Shire and the anonymous donors this project was not viable without their support.

The pleasing thing is there is no requirement for members to be involved physically spreading 68.9 Cubic Metres of concrete on this project it will be done by professional concrete contractors.

When completed hopefully we have seen the last of a wind effed runway surface.



I recently spent a considerable amount of time in the shed refurbishing an old Spitfire, the covering on the model had deteriorated over the past 20 years and became very brittle causing it to split when bumped. The balsa construction was well seasoned making sanding difficult in some areas but after many patient hours rubbing it was ready to recover.

The original colour scheme was military green camouflage which is not available off the shelf now so I elected to go with an all silver look. I found this was also difficult to obtain but was lucky enough to find it in America so placed an order. With the Covid-19 problems we are experiencing it took 9 weeks to arrive, however, that gave me plenty of time to strip the old covering from the airframe and prepare it.



*Another Spitfire I have in the hanger fitted with a 70 four stroke motor.*



The original plane was an ARF model and as indicated I purchased it over 20 years ago it was a very good flying model fitted with a Magnum 91 four stroke, however, it now has an OS 91 four stroke motor fitted, it spent many hours flying over the mudflats in Karratha which did cause the undercarriage to pick up a bit of rust but that has all been rectified now and it looks like new.



*Today was a bad day, first my ex wife got run over by a bus.*

*Then I lost my job as a bus driver.*

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*I don't think this test flight will end well !*



*What is on your wish list for Christmas ?*

*A Pet*

*A new model*

*A COVID free world*



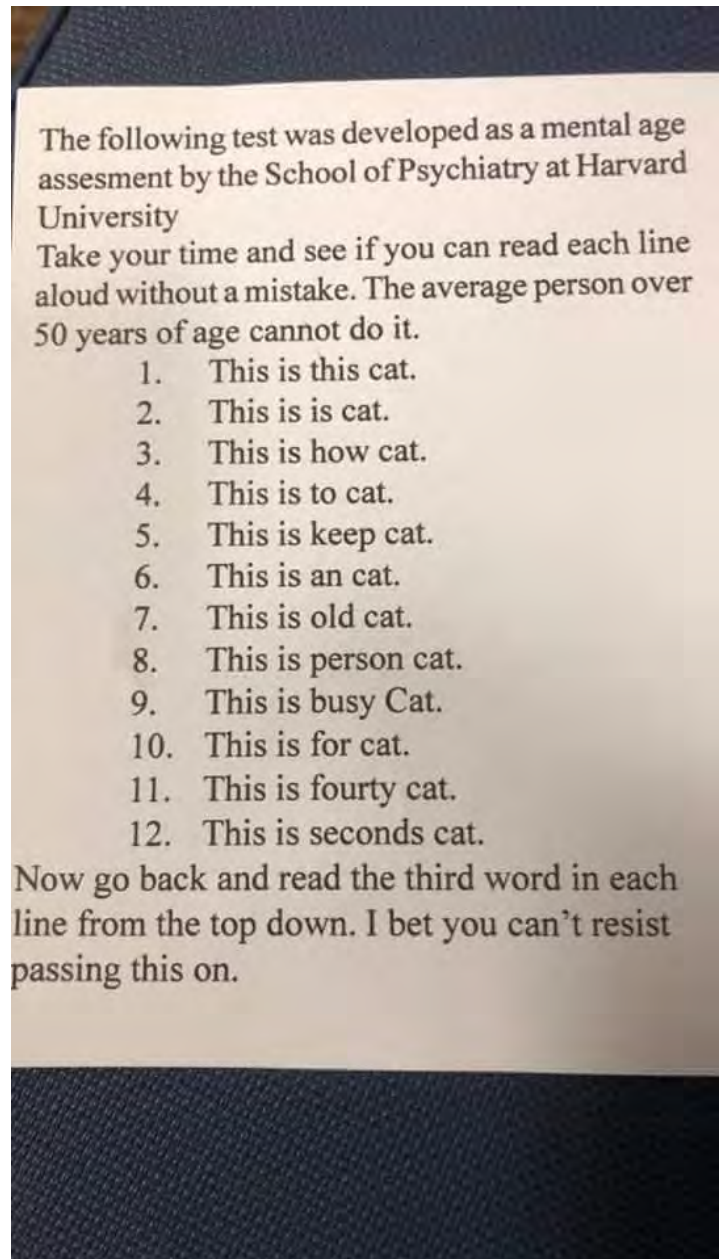
*A circus performer was pulled over by a police officer for speeding. As the officer was writing the ticket, she noticed several machetes in the car.*

*“What are those for?” she asked suspiciously.*

*“I’m a juggler,” the man replied. “I use those in my act.”*

*“Well, show me,” the officer demanded. So he got out the machetes and started juggling them, first three, then more, finally seven at one time, overhand, underhand, behind the back, putting on a dazzling show and amazing the officer.*

*Another car passed by. The driver did a double take, and said: “My God. I’ve got to give up drinking! Look at the test they’re giving now.”*



Woodie's build of the large B 29 bomber is progressing well, however, it is a "BIG" job and will be some time before completion and we see it in the sky over SWARMS.

Is this something we might see in the future after the maiden flight and the model has been trimmed and performing well. Your smoking it !!



*Smoke on makes the model look very impressive as it climbs away from the ground.*



*Inverted pass with smoke on is also very impressive, something to think about here Rob.*

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*A mind is like a parachute. It doesn't work if it is not open.*

*Life is short, Break the Rules. Forgive quickly, Kiss slowly. Love truly. Laugh uncontrollably And never regret ANYTHING that makes you smile.*

*Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it everywhere, diagnosing it incorrectly and applying the wrong remedies.*

Oop's Troy has had a mishap. His Trojan made an unscheduled landing and it did not look good as he did the walk of shame back to the pits.



Yes, there is some damage but it is not terminal. Good thing about these foam model spend a bit of time in the shed with a bottle of PVA glue and you would never notice the difference. (Well in the Sky)



Been spending a bit of time working on the refurbishment of this fibreglass hull Catalina which was originally built by Rob Woodhead many years ago. He found it up in the ceiling of his garage and was going to place it in a bin and asked if I wanted it to refurbish.

All the gear had been removed and one motor was seized so I seen it as a challenge to get it back into the sky, it is fitted with two OS 40 nitro motors that needed a bit of work to get them up and running again..



*The completed project ready for another trip to the field for a test flight*



Rob was present for the first test flight which was conducted on Friday 9th Nov. The only concern I had pre flight was the one motor failure in flight problem as it is with any twin but this all proved to be a non event. On the first flight one motor did stop about three minutes into the flight so I was very quick to respond and get it back on the ground on one motor without any real drama

The second flight was a bit different with the flight time exceeding 10 minutes prior to one motor stopping, I did not have much time with the first event to test the flight handling under one motor so I decided to stay up and do a bit of flying on the one motor to see what happened with this flight.

I was able to do two full circuits of the field on one motor with pretty relaxed flying conditions and conduct a successful landing, I think this is because the motors are reasonably close together and you don't get the normal behaviour you do when the motors are positioned further out on the wings. All up very good out come and I am sure there will be many more flights as the sound of the two motors harmonizing in flight is enjoyable to the ears.

It is fast in the air on full throttle and does not fly scale like but around half throttle it does settle down and just cruised around. Woody later that day sent me an email indicating he was very pleased to see back in the air, however, he stated it never flew like that when he had it indicating it could have had a lot to do with the person on the sticks.





*It was the day of the big RC Model sale. Rumours of the sale (and some advertising in the local paper) were the main reason for the long line that formed in front of the store by 8:30am, the store's opening time.*

*A small man pushed his way to the front of the line, only to be pushed back, amid loud and colourful curses. On the man's second attempt, he was punched square in the jaw, and knocked around a bit, and then thrown to the end of the line again. As he got up the second time, he said to the person at the end of the line.*

***"That does it! If they hit me one more time, I won't open the store!"***

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With the festive season just around the corner it is time to think about the consequences of drinking and driving, they do not mix.

Everyone needs a friendly reminder to make sure we all survive the road trauma that occurs every year, from previous statistic there will be some families with an empty seat at the table into the new year, the sad thing in that these deaths can be avoided.

*So drink sensibly*

*Drive safely or appoint a skipper.*



It was not hard to see who won the 2020 AFL grand final at the field on Sunday 25th October. Troy Lucy who is a very ardent Tigers fan let all who were not aware of the end result just who came up trumps.

We had a meeting scheduled and this is how he decorated the committee table prior to the meeting.



He also had the privilege of decorating Ian Clapp's vehicle in his absence. Ian being a one eyed Eagles fan.



**Break In News.**

It is disappointing to have to report that we have had another unauthorized entry to the field. A party of three broke into the machinery shed and unlawfully removed the Husqvarna ride on mower and the high pressure two stoke water cleaner unit.

It appeared to be a targeted attack as security surveillance photos clearly shows that the mower was the only item they targeted whilst in the shed. The water cleaner was removed because it was in their way making the removal of the mower difficult.

**From this !!**

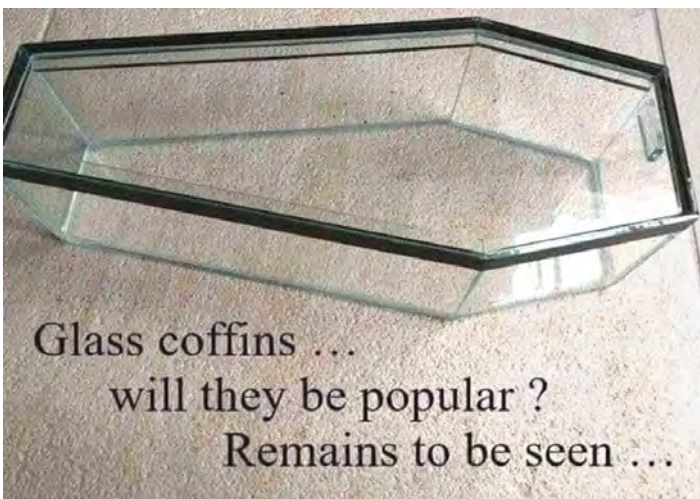


**To This !**



After many hours, days, weeks this PC9 owned and rebuild by Dennis Milligan was ready for another flight.

After a few clicks here and a few clicks there on it's next flight it was flying very stable again and returned to the ground intact and is eagerly awaiting it's next visit to the field.



Glass coffins ...  
will they be popular ?  
Remains to be seen ...

**What's the difference between boogie and broccoli?**

You can't get the kids to eat broccoli.

**Why can't a T-Rex clap its hands?**

Because it's extinct.

**What do you call cheese that isn't yours?**

Nacho cheese!

**Child: I'm Hungry**

Dad: Hi hungry, I'm Dad

**My sister said I couldn't make a bike out of spaghetti**

You should have seen her face when I rode pasta

**What's the best thing about Switzerland?**

I don't know, but the flag is a big plus.

**How many apples grow on a tree?**

All of them

**A termite walks into a bar and taps on the counter and asks**

"Is the bartender here?"

**What do you call a magic dog?**

A Labracadabrador

**Hey dad, did you just get a hair cut?**

No, I got them all cut.

**BREAKING  
NEWS! Man gets  
hit by a rental  
car. Said it  
Hertz.**

*If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward.*

*When everything seems to be going against you, remember that the aeroplane takes off against the wind, not with it.*

**Flash Back !**

*What we had.*

*Now you see it.*



*Now you don't*

*The old pit area made way for the new, would be a few new members that did not experience this.*



*Out with the old and in with the new.*



*Stumpy and his wife Martha went to the state fair every year. Every year Stumpy would say: "Martha, I'd like to ride in that there airplane." And every year Martha would say: "I know, Stumpy, but that airplane ride costs ten dollars, and ten dollars is ten dollars."*

*One year Stumpy and Martha went to the fair and Stumpy said: "Martha, I'm 71 years old. If I don't ride that airplane this year I may never get another chance."*

*Martha replied: "Stumpy, that there airplane ride costs ten dollars, and ten dollars is ten dollars." The pilot overheard them and said: "Folks, I'll make you a deal. I'll take you both up for a ride. If you can stay quiet for the entire ride and not say one word, I won't charge you, but if you say one word it's ten dollars."*

*Stumpy and Martha agreed and up they went. The pilot did all kinds of twists and turns, rolls and dives, but not a word was heard. He did all his tricks over again, but still not a word.*

*They landed and the pilot turned to Stumpy: "By golly, I did everything I could think of to get you to yell out, but you didn't."*

*Stumpy replied: "Well, I was gonna say something when Martha fell out, but ten dollars is ten dollars."*

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*This is a rare site, Troy actually standing close to the flight line cone whilst he has a plane in the sky, he always seems to be more comfortable closer to the plane he is flying and normally that is anywhere but in this position.*



We have not had a lot of good flying days over the past couple of months, however, things did improve on Sunday 11th Oct with very light winds and a pleasant sunny day so it all happened. Members made the best of the change and the pits were very busy with a variety of planes gracing the sky during the day.

Some of the activity can be seen here in these photos taken during the morning.

*Troy explaining to Kieth just how good he is when he is up in air.*



*John explaining the workings of his racer to Terry.*



*DLE 50cc Ultimate.*



*Matthew waiting for his next lesson on the sticks with the Ranger watched closely by Dad Robert, Trevor in the background is not sure what is going on.*



*John, Matthew and Ian deep in discussion probably going over a pre flight plan.*



*Kieth looks like he is away with the fairies or is he meditating.*



Sunday the 1st November what a memorable day it was for the club, **“YES”** the pies were back on the menu after approximately 7 months absence.

*What a lovely site it was for those in attendance.*



*Troy had fought off the canteen going into receivership first with the COVID shutdown then with the solar battery failure then the fridge malfunction, to celebrate he was the first to consume his pie.*



*Not much left for the seagulls.*



At completion of flying on Sunday 11th it was time to pack up and go for a coffee which is the normal procedure for a few members each Sunday.

It would appear that Trevor needs a bigger vehicle or better memory as he was finding it difficult to fit his planes back into the car for the trip home.

*Planes lined up at the rear of his car waiting for an allocated place to ride home.*



*Where do I start ? Cannot remember what goes in first ?*



*Little Johnny was at Sunday School. This particular lesson, they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny listened intently as they explained how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs.*

*Later in the week his mother noticed him lying as though he was ill, and asked:*

*"Johnny what is the matter, are you feeling okay?"*

*Little Johnny responded: "I have a pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife!"*



*Looks like Troy's deep in thought here, decision time ! Should I have another flight or just pack up and go home. John trying to convince him, just another great day out flying.*



**Since I bought this toy for my dog...  
no more salesmen,  
break-ins, or friends popping in  
unannounced.  
Just peace & quiet.**



*A married couple were watching a game of cricket when the wife spotted a couple in the stands. They were being very affectionate. The man was running his hands all over his girlfriend and kissing her neck.*

*The wife nudged her husband to look at the couple. Upon looking over, the husband joked: "I don't know whether to watch them or the game."*

*Absentmindedly, the wife replied: "Better watch them, you already know how to play cricket."*

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*Getting prepared for Christmas, just received my log cabin from Ikea.*



Steve Green was enjoying a bit of 3D flying when he noticed that his plane became a bit sluggish and slow to respond to some radio input, particularly elevator.

Having made the decision to land he found it to be an unusual approach and when he got it down it became obvious what the real cause was. Part of the tail and elevator had come adrift from the starboard rear section.



The skills of the pilot showed through under adverse conditions, back on the ground in one piece, or should that be in pieces. Was it a faulty hinge ??



I was talking to Troy in the pits one day as you do and he indicated that he had just purchased a couple of partially constructed planes and was having trouble finding the time to complete the builds.

I did say if you provide the covering I will do the job for you, so he did.

The first plane I have covered where I had to wear my dark glasses whilst working in the shed.



Covering complete, however, he did not say anything about all the other bits of the build that were required to finish it off, it has since been completed it is fitted with a 46 two stroke nitro motor, it has had the maiden flight and the usual few clicks and all was good. Had no difficulty seeing it in the sky..



*You can blame gravity for causing planes to fall out of the sky.*

*You can't blame gravity for falling in love.*

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*Success does not consist in never making mistakes but in never making the same one a second time.*

**Tips for new pilots!**

*Stay away from the ground*

*Flying too low to the ground could cause premature impact and that could be dangerous.*

*Flying closer to the ground means there are quite a few obstacles, where as, if one is flying higher there is nothing in the way.*

*It is not easy for a plane to manoeuvre around obstacles, there fore making it more dangerous.*

*Landing is more trickier than take off or flying.*

*Landing the plane can be very tricky and it depends on a lot of factors as to how easy or hard it will be to land..*

*For example weather plays a big factor, strong winds, cross winds or even no wind at all can make landing a plane difficult.*

*The size on the runway will also have an impact, it could either be too short or too narrow.*

*Many pilots think of landing as a big challenge, others do it because they have to.*

*Never give up.*

*Experienced pilots do not let a rough landing or mishap stop them from growing. They use these experiences to help improve their skills.*

*While flying a plane unforeseen circumstances can and do arise the pilot must remain calm and handle them if and when they do arise throughout the duration of the flight.*



*Hope your flying in 2021 is both challenging and rewarding. Stay young and enjoy the experience.*



***Merry Christmas to all our members and families, I hope that you all have a very Happy New Year and that 2021 brings you happiness, wealth & no COVID.***

***Catch you when we fly into the next edition in 2021. Happy Flying, regards Ron.***

