



# TORQUE BACK

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## President's Corner

Well Xmas is over and dusted, with the New Year looking like a continuation of the last. As they say, the world does not reset on New Years Eve.

The HMAc Xmas lunch went off very well and all who attended enjoyed the day and left somewhat a little heavier.

The Buy and Sell had a number of contributors but there was little quality. One or two transactions took place in the form of swaps I think.

The weather was a little intense at times with the wind pounding in from the South however a hastily erected canvas, courtesy of Ken Ward on the west of the shelter allowed for cooking preparations to continue. The club's new spit roaster worked a treat on it's first tryout. My thanks again to all who helped/cooked and contributed to the day.

You may have noticed the horses have gone. Kelly Field has had the grass cut courtesy of Sarah Liebrandt in recognition of her agistment. This she did also last year. Due to serious illness she will no longer have horses at KF.

As we have been unable to secure a suitable tenant in her place, the Committee has decided that we will no longer be having horses agisted.

At the end of each year we have the option of getting the grass baled or cut/slashed. We have four contractors available to us for slashing/cutting.

The owner of the fencing who is different to the agistee, has been asked to have it removed in January.

We recently has a reasonable ground water leak at the club house outside tap. This was attended to successfully by Phil Hubbard.

The club generator died at the start of the Xmas luncheon so we made good with that of Damian's. Bob McAllister has given it mouth to mouth and I understand it has been revived!

That is your lot for this month. Stay safe and remember to 'Check In' at KF each visit via the Visitors Book or the QR Covid app from your phone. Covid distancing and sanitising regimes are still very much in place for the health of everybody.

**Barry Gerrard**



# Editor's Notes

Well, here we go again for another year, hoping of course that it is a bit less stressful than last. I think we here in Tasmania have been in one of the very best places in the world during the pandemic, and I am sure we are all most grateful for that.

Looking at the lovely photos Peter took at our Christmas Lunch I was very aware of how fortunate we are to be part of such a group - people with whom we share a common interest and who put a lot of time into the club and our facilities, making it a great place to be.

We welcome two new members this month - Charles Connor and Chris Morgan. We'll look forward to getting to know Charles and Chris in the coming months.

Remember we need photos and letters of your latest projects or matters linked to modelling to keep our newsletter interesting to read. Let's make 2021 another great year.



*Sue*



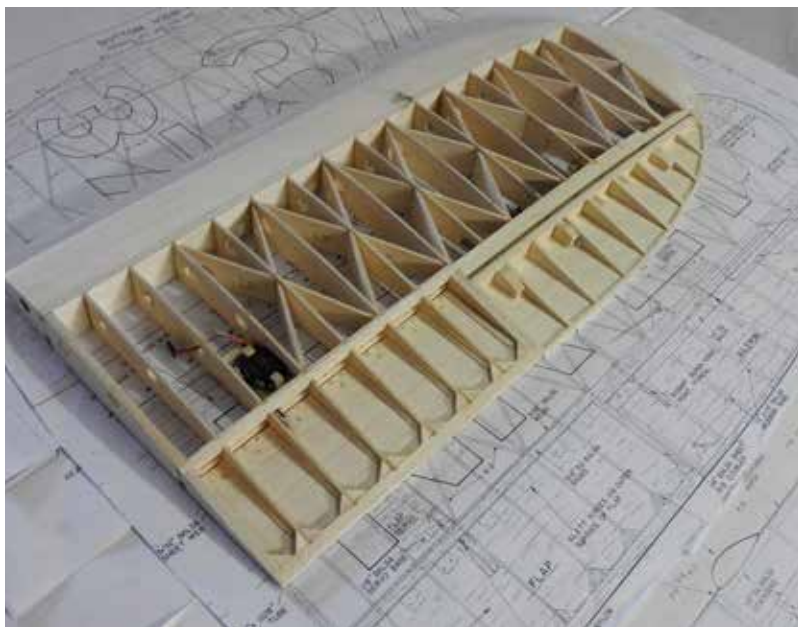
Chris has been enjoying the challenge of starting a new model of a Howard DGA3 (Pete).

He was inspired by an article in Flying Scale Models.

"I just love golden age racing" he says, "The DGA3 was a very succesful racing plane in the 1930s in the US."



"The best part was that I could get the plans on the internet for free, however they had a wing span of 2 metres so I had them reduced to 1.5 metres - so I could fit the model in my car!"



'The finished right wing including aerolons and flaps.'

'The beginning of the body, building it upside down first and then I will turn it over and add the top.'



'The nose and the cowl which gives access to the battery. As this was designed for a Saito150, I've had to redesign the front to accommodate a battery and a brushless motor - 1100kv & 900watts, which should be adequate for this model using a 4s battery.'

Wing ribs.







## 2020 Christmas Lunch

Once again our annual lunch was a very happy (and delicious) affair thanks to Barry and his great team.

The weather was a little changeable but it didn't seem to dampen anyone's day, and everyone enjoyed the opportunity to catch up with each other.

After such a difficult year the occasion to spend time together was greatly appreciated by all, and our thanks go to the committee and all who carry our club on from strength to strength.















All plates were licked clean!

Nils really enjoyed his favourite desserts to finish off!



# Bob McAllister's latest

"Another one after the Waco as I had a spare engine.

1955 Aero Modeller design (free flight, assisted).

Not yet flown, awaiting a couple of bits and pieces."

Bob.





# Photos taken last month at Kelly Field

Thanks to Peter Ralph.



***Damian Blackwell's last helicopter -  
The model is an OMP M2 V2, Mirco 3D helicopter,  
direct drive rotorhead and direct drive tailrotor.  
3S 650mah lipo. Between 5 and 10 minute flight  
time depending on style of flying. Feels much the  
same as flying a larger 700 size machine due  
to the incredible OMP onboard flight controller.***



***Amy performing 'helper' duties.  
Every older member should have  
one.....:-)***



***Erwin Boot preparing his Ugly Stik.***

***Ewin and model in action.***





**Ron McGuinness  
preparing two  
models.**



**The model with high visibility  
yellow and blue striped wing  
is an old rudder/elevator/throttle  
design. It flies beautifully.**

