



# TORQUE BACK

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## President's Corner

Contribution this month from me even smaller than the last as little has happened at KF.

There has been a changing of the guard in the Committee with Damian Blackwell taking the place of Phil Hubbard as Vice President.

It was with sadness that we saw the passing of Chris Rowe recently. A long time member and perfectionist model maker. He will be missed by all at KF.

On the 15th August HMAC hosted the presentation of the MAAA Service Medal to Tony Sheppard of the 'Roaring Forties' Club for his many years of involvement in the promotion of aeromodelling. The day was a most successful interclub day with nineteen people representing four clubs. The day ended with a fine BBQ that was enjoyed by all. We thank Phil Hubbard for his skills on the BBQ and Sue and Val for their contribution in the kitchen.

I am pleased to see the number of Social Members this year as we now have eleven. We have experienced a few flying members not renewing this year however we will have forty one with the prospects of another seven maybe rejoining.

The highlight this week was the dead and live birds in the club house chimney flue. I thank Ian Gannon who tended to fixing the flue mesh where it had come adrift. He is about the only one left fit enough to be clambering around on the roof.

As our lease of Kelly Field becomes due in April next year, we have in motion the preparation of a submission to Clarence Council to be lodged in early November. This is being attended to by Keith Drew and Garth Wilmot.

That is all folks.

Happy and safe Covid free flying,

**Barry Gerrard**



Laser Cut Kits Australia ship all over Australia and around the world. All the kits and plans are produced in-house with a 100 Watt CO2 Lasers and two Wide Format Inkjet Printers. MAAA award recipient, Tony Sheppard, bought LCKA in June 2021.

**Browse their website for great inspiration.**

**website: [lcka.com.au](http://lcka.com.au)**

# Editor's Notes



With only a few nice flying days the last month has, we hope, begun to say 'goodbye' to Winter. I know the miserable weather has inspired Chris to many hours in his workshop. Who knows, he may yet finish his Howard DGA this year!

The early harbingers of Spring are cheerfully around us now so I'm sure we are all looking forward to some good flying ahead, and hopefully there will be a few new models 'springing' from your workshops for us all to enjoy.

## **Mike White**

During this last month our Secretary Ken received an email from the Isle of Man. It was from Jean, Mike White's wife, to let us know that after a battle with cancer Mike passed away peacefully at home in November last, aged 88.

Some of you will remember meeting Mike at the Club on one of their annual visits to Tasmania, the last time being in early 2019.

Although I never met Mike personally I did feel I got to know him through his generous linking with the club via the newsletter. He sent us wonderful articles, not only about his planes and his extensive knowledge but also about his, and Jean's, fascinating life. His personal warmth shone through these contacts I had with him.

These links 'across the world' are so enriching to us all. I know you will all be very sorry to hear of Mike's loss, and our thoughts are with Jean at this time.

Jean finished her email with a lovely thought: 'Think of him when you're flying your models.'

## **Sue**



***'All dressed up for a Kenya Police reunion dinner...not a day out on the flying field!!! I can assure you you didn't see Mike like this very often.'* Jean**



***'Here is a pic of my new 3D printed super chipmunk, ... still a way to go but making progress.'* Damian Blackwell**



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## ***Tony Sheppard MAAA Service Award Presentation 15th August 2021***

**Mike Rutledge (President TMAA) and Barry Gerrard (President HMAA)**  
hosted the presentation of the MAAA Service Award Medal to

**Tony Sheppard**  
for many years of service to aeromodelling in Australia.

Mike Rutledge opened proceedings with a short speech (*see next page*) commending Tony on his contribution to Aeromodelling here in Tasmania and nationally.

Also Mike read out a letter from Paul Morse, president of the North West Aeromodellers.



Tony thanked Mike, the TMAA, MAAA and all present. He outlined his beginnings with aeromodelling, his progress towards his involvement with the TMAA and MAAA.

The presentation was followed by a BBQ with food supplied by the TMAA and organised by members of HMAA.

The presentation was attended by members from Hobart Model Aero Club, Roaring Forties, Hobart Radio Control Flyers and Phoenix Flyers.





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## ***Mike Rutledge Presentation Speech***

Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen.

It is my very great pleasure to ask a man who needs no introduction to most aeromodellers in Tassie, Tony Sheppard, to come forward please.

We are here today to celebrate Tony's achievements.

Tony's contribution to the administration of Aeromodelling here in Tasmania and nationally has been recognised and is celebrated with the awarding of the MAAA Service Award.

We are grateful for people like Tony to effectively manage the essential behind the scenes nuts and bolts which allow us all to enjoy our flying activities in a safe and legal environment. Tony has been our TMAA Secretary/Treasurer since 2015, a time of considerable change which has necessitated much additional work on Field registrations, area approvals and height extensions all done without fuss or fanfare, thankyou Tony.

In recent times during a period of difficulty for the MAAA executive Tony stepped up to serve as Vice President for six months providing a valuable contribution to Executive decisions.

This thoroughly deserved award was proposed by the MAAA executive through the president, Neil Tank and endorsed by the TMAA.

I have a letter from North West Aeromodellers which I shall read:

“Congratulations Tony on receiving the MAAA service award Medal. The members of Northwest Aeromodeller are happy that someone from Tasmanian RC Flying has won this service medal and we are even happier that it was you. The award appropriately reflects the endless hours you have spent securing and negotiating tough CASA approvals for many clubs and your dedication to RC flying.

On behalf of our NWA flyers as a whole, I wish you unlimited success in the future and safe landings.

Regards Paul Morse  
President NWA”

I think we can all agree with those sentiments.

Tony, I am delighted on behalf of the MAAA and TMAA to present you with this Service Award.



# Photos taken last month at Kelly Field

Thanks to Peter Ralph



**My new plane:**

**Scratch built from Early 1970's plan**

**Original had 40 two stroke engine but this one electric motor with mechanical retracts.**

**Flies well but need to fiddle with prop choice as underpowered.**

**Cheers, Phil Murrell**





*I built the Hustler some 33 years ago when I was 16 years of age which was in preparation for me to get my drivers licence which was needed to get me to HMAAC from Rosny.*

*I purchased the Enya engine from McCann's along with the original Futaba Attack 4 36Meg system 'Back in the day when you had to place your frequency peg on the board before flying', with money I had saved mowing lawns in the area from riding my BMX to and from the neighbours.*

*I hope it brings some memories back to members and gives hope to others.*

*Ian Gannon*



**Two models brought out this month  
after about a year`s retirement:**

***Damian Blackwell's Fairchild  
Republic A-10 Thunderbolt II.***



***Peter Ralph's Seagull Skybolt  
powered by a RCGF 21cc  
petrol twin cylinder engine.***





*Some of Peter's archival pics:*

*Above: 'An excellent realistic aircraft. is it a model or the real thing?' Peter*

*Chris Venn's 1915 Nieuport 11. Nicknamed the Bebe. A French WW1 single seat sesquiplane. Primary plane that ended the Fokker scourge in 1916.*







**Chris's 1913 Moraine Saulner. Type L. There were 600 built.**

**It became a the first succesful fighter aircraft when it was fitted with a single machine gun that fired through the arc of the propeller which was protected by armoured deflector wedges.**

**Below: an interesting angle**



**Peter's Aeromaster, designed in the 1960's by American Lou Andrews. Has become a solid favourite for those wanting a great looking and well behaved biplane. The Aeromaster is very docile and easy to fly, has great ground handling, and yet it can be pushed to really perform a full compliment of manoeuvres in the air if you like. Is my third one. First one had a minor mid air and as it was oil soaked after much use, I handed it to Damian who repaired it and got several years use from it. My second one had complete radio failure and was a write off. This third one has seen many years of constant off and on use.**

