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## Autumn Edition 2025

### What's news?

After what has been a very dry period at the club, the grounds are starting to look much greener and healthier, mostly thanks to Committee Member Ian Gannon for his dedicated efforts to fertilise, over seed and water the site.

The club held a very successful working bee in December and many hands made light work. Well, not exactly true. It was tough work but everyone that attended did their bit, resulting in the removal of dead trees and branches, repairs to fences, and a general tidy up of the site. A huge shout out to Bill and Val for their work on the toilet block, Bob M for his handy work on the chainsaw, Aaron for his fence fixing skills, JJ and Damian for manicuring the short wheel runway, and Karen, Phil M, Ian and Glynn who took to the grass mowing, slashing and runway improvements.

Karen and I had a clean out of the sheds and club house, so that an asset register of all the club-owned inventory could be created and tools and items organised so they could be easily located in the future. New cupboards, donated by The Friends School and delivered by Ian, were installed in the club house, which has created more room and looks very tidy and modern.

We have another Bunnings fundraising BBQ coming up on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July at the Mornington Bunnings. I will make a call out for help closer to the time. Thank you to all that have already said they would help. This is a massive opportunity to raise a healthy sum of money to go towards making our club a better and safer place. Thanks to those who helped and visited at our last BBQ.

Our Annual General Meeting (followed by a General Meeting) will be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> June. All positions on the Committee are up for nomination. Email me if you want a nomination form. An update on the Committee's projects will be presented, including how to access the footage and data from our new cameras and weather station.

I'd like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the huge amount of work that Ian Gannon has done around the club. Most of us would be unaware of the time he has spent over the last 12 months. He is an incredible asset to the club and a highly valued member.

Charlie, HMAC Secretary



### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**8<sup>th</sup> June, 10am**

**Kelly Fields**

**All are welcome to attend**

**Followed by a General Meeting**



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#### Congratulations Grace

Grace, one of our newer members got her silver powered fixed wing endorsement and her multi-rotor endorsement recently. Its great to have another younger member. Thanks again to our Instructors Peter Ralph and Damian Blackwell for their work in helping get Grace up in the air.



#### Club Events

The committee held our regular Christmas lunch which again was well attended and seemed to be enjoyed by all. Glenn and Ian took on the cooking with assistance from others, while the club house was beautifully decorated and set out by Val. Karen and Charlie oversaw the organisation of the salads and desserts. The next one will be upon us before we know it!

Unfortunately our annual Memorial Day had to be postponed due to unfavourable weather. It will now be held on 31<sup>st</sup> August this year.

#### Safety Audit

During an audit of the site conducted by Karen, Glynn and Ian a number of issues were noted. These have slowly been rectified over the past 6 months, including safety marking around the edges of the concrete slab, BBQ area, and club house. There are still some issues that will be seen to in due course.

#### Supporter's Board

The Committee decided that with the generous donations we have received over the last 12 months that it would be appropriate to put up a board on the side of the club house to display who our supporters have been. Plus, there's still room for more supporters!! Many thanks to Phil M for his work on this project.

#### New Signage

Unfortunately to old tail sporting the HMAC signage has done its time and had to be removed.

Soon a new sign will be erected at the gate for our visitors. The plan is to replicate the signs at the roadway.







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Safety lines painted around the edges of the concrete slabs



Shed clean-out and recording of assets

From this:



To this:





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#### What's news?

##### Committee Projects/Delivery of Grants

###### Operation Crop Duster

With the larger of our two mowers getting a bit "long in tooth", the Committee decided it was time to source a new one while the old one was still good enough to move on to a new owner.

HMAC was successful in being awarded two grants: \$7,700 from the **MAAA** and \$750 from the **TMAA** (thanks to Glynn and Karen) for a mower, to extend the runways and for field maintenance.

Coupled with a HMAC cash contribution of \$3,500, a sub-committee was formed to bring Project Cropduster to fruition. With Ian "Ganno" Gannon's horticulture expertise and careful planning, the team set to work. First, they ordered our new Toro Timecutter ride-on mower valued at over \$9,800, but provided to HMAC at a generously discounted price provided by Eastern Shore Mowers.

Then, they moved on to the runway extension and field maintenance. I think it's safe to say all the hard work and many hours spent mowing, aerating, sowing, watering, and fertilising have paid off. The grounds are heading into the winter months in a strong, healthy position and are looking pretty impressive. Well done and thank you to all who played a part in helping to make Project Cropduster a huge success.





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#### Committee Projects/Delivery of Grants (continued)

##### **Operation Eyespy**

This project, headed up by Charlie Connor, was inspired by projects undertaken by a couple of other Tasmanian aeromodelling clubs.

The objective was to set up a reliable off-grid 240V power system with battery storage to provide 24/7 power to security cameras and a weather station. The benefit being that members can log into the cameras live stream to see the current conditions and to view the live weather data at the field remotely rather than rely on the weather readings from the nearest station, which don't necessarily depict current conditions at the club. In addition, it would also add to the security of the club's assets.

The Committee is very pleased to announce that this project is now completed and information will be sent to members regarding remote viewing of the camera footage (also to be presented at the upcoming AGM/GM). The weather data from from our on-site weather station is available on the HMAc website.

We have many people and organisations to thank for the implementation of this project:

**Ian Gannon** - Donation and installation of Victron hybrid inverter, solar charge controller and cabling. Generous donation of time to help install the solar panels and batteries.

**Renewable Energy Solutions Tasmania** – Donation of four solar panels, mounting hardware and cabling

**Bunnings Warehouse (Mornington)** – Donation of \$200 towards batteries

**TasNetworks** – Donation of \$1000

Part of the funds raised during our Bunnings BBQ fundraisers (supported by a generous donation by **Woolworths Green Point**) went towards funding the remaining costs (batteries, cameras, weather station, modem and SIM card).

The old charging batteries have now been relocated to the club house and an inverter (donated by Ian Gannon) has been installed (also by Ian) so that the club house (lights and TV) can be powered by 240V. Into the future we hope to be able to upgrade these batteries and purchase a small camping fridge to use temporarily for events such as the club Christmas Party. [If you happen to have a small 3-way fridge or 240v bar fridge in reasonable working condition you are happy to donate to the club, please contact Charlie at \[hmacsec@gmail.com\]\(mailto:hmacsec@gmail.com\).](#)





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Project Eyespy





## President's Report

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Anyone visiting the field recently would notice great change both inside and outside. It all began with a well attended Working Bee carrying out a long overdue cleanup of the field and the start of two projects the Committee had planned for this year. The projects were the major strip improvements and the installation of cameras and a weather station. With a big contribution from Ian, Charlie, Karen and Glynn these projects with a few tweaks are completed.

My thanks to all the members who came to the Working Bee and helped with our fundraising at the Bunnings BBQs. Without your assistance we would not have been able to manage or afford the improvements.

My thanks to our sponsors who provided grants and materials that allowed the completion of the projects and the scope of the improvements to be broadened.

You will also notice the upgrading to the cupboards in the Clubhouse and the Equipment Shed as well as the cleanup and reorganization of the Equipment Shed . Once again thanks to Ian, Charlie and Karen.

Our Club only exists for the Members and only survives with Members input so thank you once again for everyone's input. We can now enjoy the much improved amenities.

*Glenn*







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### Club Events

Christmas Lunch 2024



Barry Gerard receiving a certificate for being a highly valued member of HMAAC







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### HMAC Bunnings Easter Display

HMAC were invited to set up a display stall at the Bunnings Easter evening event. Ian Gannon, Karen Connor, Jason Bedelph and I attended and assisted up and coming aeromodellers make some balsa chuck gliders and static jet models. It was a great event and we had lots of interest from the public. Bunnings donated all the materials needed to make the kits.



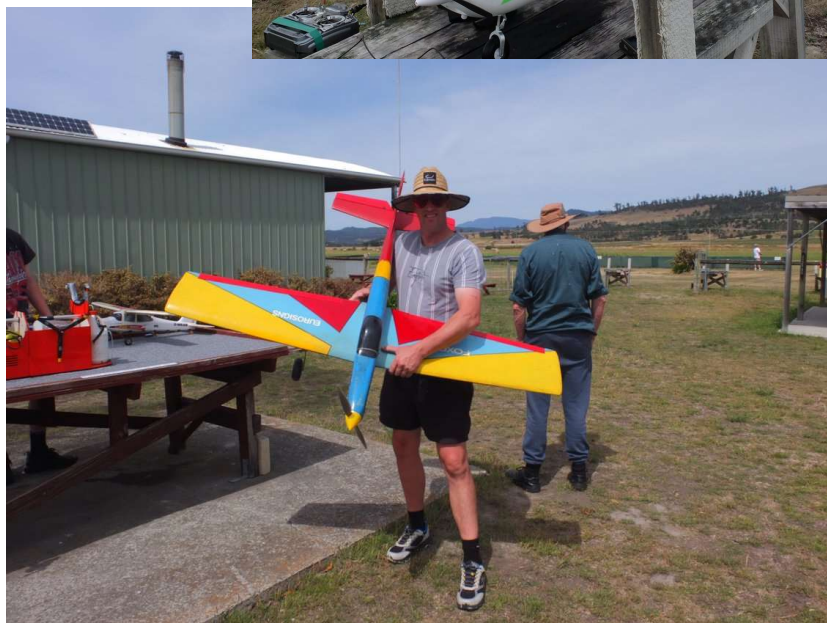




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Photos from the field







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A new model for Gabriel





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## Classifieds



Darrel Beachy Memorial Day  
Warbirds & Classics Over Tasmania 2025



**Sunday June 1<sup>st</sup> 2025**

Two Classes Warbirds and Classics, 3 awards in each class.  
**Most Realistic Scale Flight, Best Landing, Best Take Off.**  
Also Darrel Beachy Memorial Trophy, Out Standing Model on the day.

Pilot Briefing  
9.30am

Back up date if  
needed  
15<sup>th</sup> June.



Entry Fee \$10 per pilot, you may enter as many planes as you wish.

Canteen available, Coffee & Drinks, BBQ lunch will be available, Eftpos  
available

Everyone welcome come along and enjoy many excellent models on display and flying.  
Ample parking available at our club, located at 366 Panshanger Road via Longford.



## HMAC Fundraising BBQ

**A great opportunity to give back to the club.  
Funds will go back to the members by  
making improvements to the club.**

**When: 12th July 2025, from 9am**

**Where: Bunnings Mornington**

Bunnings Mornington have been a huge  
supporter of HMAC and we thank them for  
their generosity.





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## HMAC Items for Giveaway

Email [hmacsec@gmail.com](mailto:hmacsec@gmail.com) if you think you can use these. They will be disposed of soon otherwise.





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We'll be using this section of the Newsletter to share some useful tips and tricks. What was that one piece of advice you were given when you first started out building or flying model aircraft that changed everything? Please share by sending an email to [hmacsec@gmail.com.au](mailto:hmacsec@gmail.com.au).

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### 2024/2025 Membership Prices

Membership Type	Full Year	Half Year
Senior Member	\$240	\$120
Junior Member	\$75	\$40
Associate Member	\$130	\$65
HMAC Life Member	\$110	-
Social Member	\$15	-

### Key Dates

**TMAA Annual General Meeting**  
Sunday 25th May

**PFL Warbirds Day**  
Sunday 1 June

**HMAC AGM and GM**  
Sunday 8 June @ 10am

**HMAC Bunnings BBQ**  
Saturday 12 July

**HMAC Memorial Day**  
**Sunday 31 August**

Please email [hmacsec@gmail.com.au](mailto:hmacsec@gmail.com.au) if you wish to promote any upcoming events.