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What's news?

Happy New Year! Another year gone, another busy time for the committee. Some of the achievements that come to mind are:

- Bunnings Father's Day display
- Major carpark upgrade
- Working bee
- Ongoing improvements to the grounds, especially the camping area and toilet block
- Bunnings Father's Day display
- New battery chargers for the charging shed
- Memorial Day event
- Fun Fly Weekend event
- Christmas Lunch

As you can see, it has been a massive year for the club and essentially we have achieved all this without any significant financial detriment, due to us obtaining grants and our fundraising efforts throughout the year. Bunnings Mornington have very generously booked us in for three Bunnings BBQs for 2026 (15th February, 12th July and 6th December).

Most excitingly, we have quite a few new members this year, including several juniors, mostly due to the Fun Fly Weekend.

Despite some major downages throughout the year, especially during the winter months, the club cameras and weather station appear to be much more stable in recent times with the installation of a cheap external antenna. Watch this space....literally.

We have an additional donation of solar panels from Renewable Energy Solutions Tasmania which we intend to install before the cooler months return to keep our battery storage as topped up as possible.

We are hoping to run an open day for the public in the new year to come along and see what we are all about. Hoping there are members willing to be a part of this by simply committing to come on the day for a fly and hopefully a few people can do some demonstrations to showcase their skills.

Charlie, HMAC Secretary



For your diary:

2026 HMAC Memorial Day

1st February 2026



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New signage

You will have noticed the new sign at the entrance gate. Many thanks to Phil Murrell for organising this on behalf of the Committee.

We have new custom-made flags which have just arrived to use for upcoming events and to promote the club (examples of how they appear are shown below).



Flying Wisdom

A few pointers from airmen on how to enjoy safe flying!



1. Every take-off is optional. Every landing is mandatory.
2. If you push the stick forward, the houses get bigger. If you pull the stick back, they get smaller. That is unless you keep pulling the stick all the way back, then they get bigger again.
3. Flying is not dangerous. Crashing is dangerous.
4. It is always better to be down here wishing you were up there, than to be up there wishing you were down here.
5. The only time you have too much fuel is when the aircraft is on fire.
6. The propeller is just a big fan in front of the plane used to keep the pilot cool. When it stops, you can actually watch the pilot start sweating.
7. When in doubt, hold on to your altitude. No one has ever collided with the sky.
8. A "good" landing is one from which you can walk away. A "great" landing is one after which they can use the plane again.
9. Learn from the mistakes of others. You will not live long enough to make all of them yourself.
10. You know you have landed with the undercarriage up if it takes full power to taxi to the ramp.
11. The probability of survival is inversely proportional to the angle of arrival. Large angle of arrival, small probability of survival and vice versa.
12. Never let an aircraft take you somewhere your brain did not get to five minutes earlier.
13. Stay out of clouds. The silver lining everyone keeps talking about might be another aircraft going in the opposite direction. Reliable sources also report that mountains have been known to hide out in clouds.
14. Always try to keep the number of landings you make equal to the number of take-offs you have made.
15. There are three simple rules for making a smooth landing. Unfortunately, no one knows what they are.
16. You start with a bag full of luck and an empty bag of experience. The trick is to fill the bag of experience before you empty the bag of luck.



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Carpark Upgrade

With thanks to funding provided by the Tasmanian Model Aeronautical Association (TMAA) we were able to carry out a much-needed upgrade of our carpark facilities. The work was done by Charlie, Karen, Patrick and Ian and made for a very busy few days in all forms of weather. Feedback so far has been very positive.

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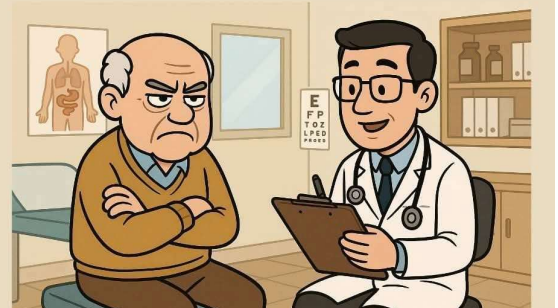
Camping area and toilet block upgrades

Preparations for the Fun Fly Weekend event provided a great excuse to tidy and upgrade the camping area. A small group of volunteers worked hard to further clear the area of debris and install some lighting on temporary structures to demarcate the fire area from the camping area.

Thanks to Karen and Patrick for their work on the toilet block, repainting and adding our new logo to the side for everyone to see as they come along the driveway. I think you'll agree it has made a massive difference to the site, and has further added to the improvements made by Bill and Val.



I'm Sorry, But The Tests Confirmed That You Have GOMS (Grumpy Old Man Syndrome)





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President's Report

What a few months we have had at the Club. Thanks to Charlie, Ian, Glynn, Karen (and not forgetting Patrick) the Club has had a much needed rebirth. With the completion of the Car Park Improvements, the camping area rehabilitation and improvements and Karen's brilliant painting of the toilet block to provide a bright introduction to the Club the Club was ready for the Fun Fly.

After months of much hard work by the above mentioned Committee members the day of the Fun Fly arrived with the sun shining and a gentle breeze. The weekend was a great success with compliments from all. The Clubs image and reputation has been enhanced by the event and the amenities and organisation were presented to a very high standard, so much so that other Clubs are wondering how they can match us.

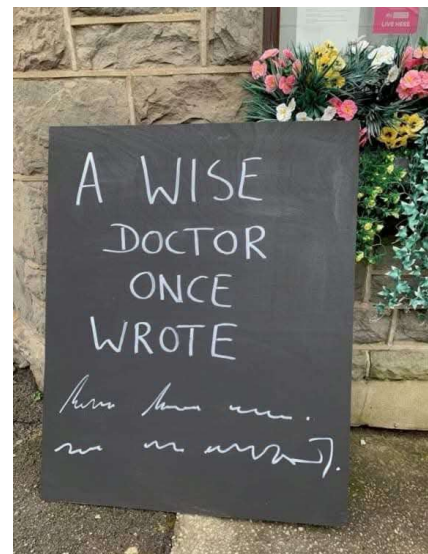
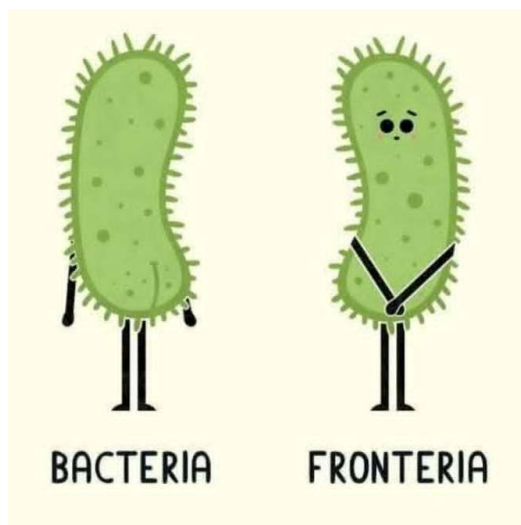
The Fun Fly was quickly followed by the Christmas Lunch. The meal provided was exceptional with a lot of variety. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all in attendance. Thanks once again to the Committee for the hard work and imaginative fare.

The members of the Club should be very appreciative of the work put in by a small number of members to provide such a tremendous facility for our use. If you ever have the chance to visit other Clubs both in Tasmania and on the mainland and even internationally you will realise how lucky we are to have

Kellys Field. If you can please give some time and volunteer to help us maintain and improve our Club it will lighten the load on the small number of members carrying out all the work.

Happy New Year

Glenn





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Club Events

HMAC Memorial Day 2025

The HMAC Memorial Day was held this year in August after having been postponed from earlier in the year.

We enjoyed another great day, reflecting on and celebrating our past members and what they meant to us personally and to the club followed by a BBQ lunch. Sadly, we lost two members that had been associated with the club this year – Michael van Niekerk and Peter Arrowsmith.





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Fun Fly Weekend 2025

The Fun Fly Weekend was organised to celebrate the completion of recent ground and runway upgrades, while also providing an opportunity for enthusiasts to come together, share experiences, and welcome potential new members. Significantly, this was the first major event held at our field in nearly a decade, marking an important milestone for the club.

Held from Friday 21 to Sunday 23 November 2025, the event attracted 18 registered pilots from clubs across Tasmania, along with more than 20 supporters, visitors, and prospective members. Across the three days, participants enjoyed a diverse program of activities, including general flying, competitions, demonstrations, and dusk flying. Visitors and supporters were equally engaged, taking part in the social atmosphere through BBQ lunches, a spit roast dinner, sausage sizzles, and evenings around the campfire, where stories and camaraderie were shared.

The weekend not only showcased the upgraded facilities but also highlighted the welcoming, inclusive spirit of HM MAC, reinforcing our role as a hub for model aviation in the region.



HM MAC gratefully acknowledges the support of the MAAA, TMAA and the Clarence City Council to allow us to make this event happen.

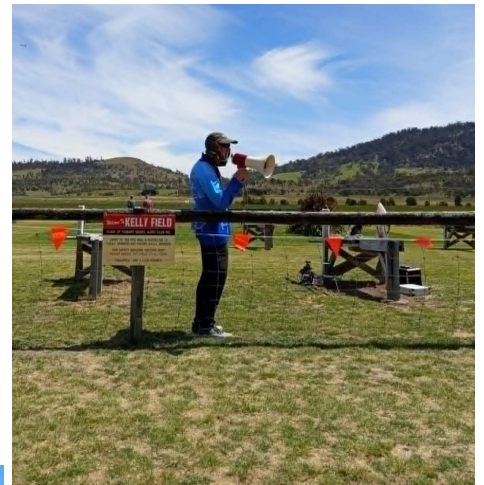


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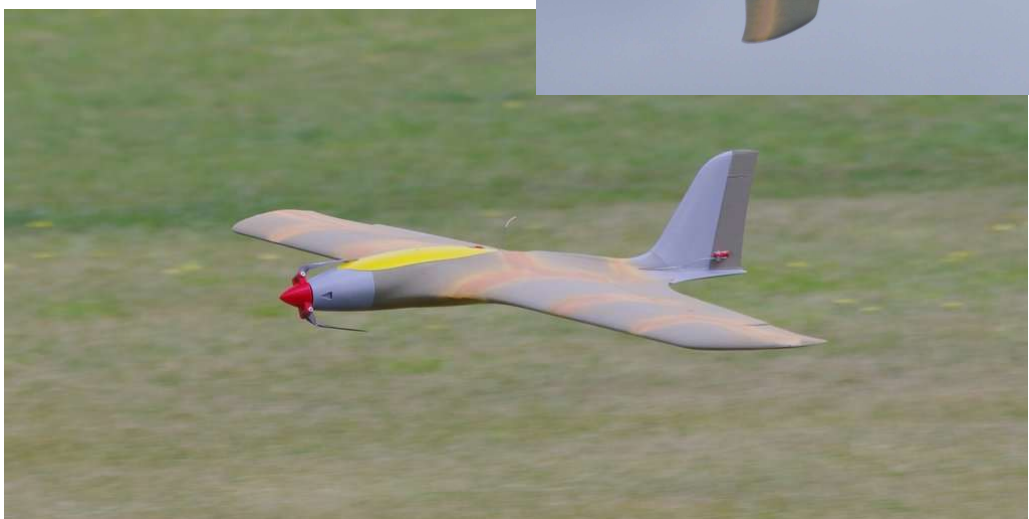




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Photos from the field





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Grace, landing like a pro!





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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.

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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: 15th February 2026, from 9am

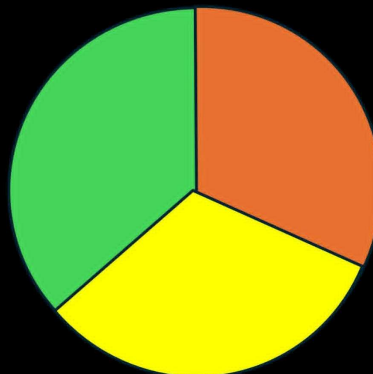
Where: Bunnings Mornington

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



Benefits of being an RC aeromodeller

-  Money
-  Girls
-  Fame





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The following items are being offered by Glynn Shevels. Contact Glynn at glynnshevels@icloud.com if you are interested in purchasing:

Hobbyking B17 1875mm pnp (new) \$400



FMS P47 1500mm pnp (new) \$600



FMS Pitts 1400mm V2 pnp (new) \$400



Eflite P47 1200mm bnf (new) \$500



Eflite turbo timber bnf (new) \$450



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Seagull models delta (new) \$200



Dle35ra (new) \$350



Stinger 15cc (new) \$200



Stinger 10cc (2 flights old) \$150



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One of the last coal-powered sheep .
Most sheep are all electric now.



2025/2026 Membership Prices

Membership Type	Full Year	Half Year
Senior Member	\$225	\$112.50
Junior Member	\$0	\$0
Associate Member	\$130	\$65.50
Non-flying member	\$130	\$65.50
HMAC Life Member	\$95	-
Social Member	\$15	-

Key Dates

HMAC Committee Meeting
Sunday 18th January

HMAC Memorial Day
Sunday 1st February

(NOTE: We hope to hold an Open Day with fun activities on the day prior to the memorial day)

HMAC Bunnings BBQ
Saturday 12 July

Please email hmacsec@gmail.com.au if you wish to promote any upcoming events.