



# Airwaves

**Sports Aeromodellers Association Moreton Bay Region**

**Newsletter - December 2023**

## **Presidents Message**

I would firstly like to thank everyone for their efforts with our come and try day. It was great to see some members getting in and having a go on behalf of our great club.

I would like to thank **Damo Ferrito, Jon Carney, Amber De Brueys, Tony Benstead** and Little **Scott** for putting their favourite planes on display for all the newcomers to get up close and touch, it was an amazing experience especially for the juniors who attended on the day.

Thank you as well to the team of people who helped setup the simulators and the people who cooked the BBQ, and lastly, the pilots who took all the new blood out to flight line.

The club benefitted from your assistance on the day. We also welcomed a new junior, Lucas, who signed up after having a fun time on the flight line, so welcome to the club young man.

I have had an update from **Bill Sharpe** about the structures, and so far we are looking forward to meeting a certifier onsite soon as they are happy with the current processes we have in place and are looking forward to helping us get across the line with the final sign off on all our structures.

All going well we are hoping to have a result for the club soon.

**Tatts** has also updated me that on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November he spotted a couple of Red belly black snakes while slashing, so may I ask that everyone remains vigilant while walking around on site and pay attention to any wiggling sticks.

**Phil.**



## Drinks Machine

At the last meeting on November 4th there was a recommendation the club consider installing a drinks/nibbles machine to curb the decline in profitability of drinks.

Other clubs and organisations have installed same and found profitability and loss of product without payment has returned.

Unfortunately there is a belief among some members who feel club fees should allow drinks to be obtained at no charge to themselves.

As there are a number of different types and styles of machines on the market, careful consideration as to what would be most suitable for our needs must be investigated.

Does the club hire it or purchase outright? Second hand or new?



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## Retail RC Store Break In



A break-in occurred recently at RCMA Model and Hobby Shop, but the thief wasn't disguised as well as he thought and has since been apprehended and assisting Police with their enquiries.

His face was captured on camera making ID easier for Police.

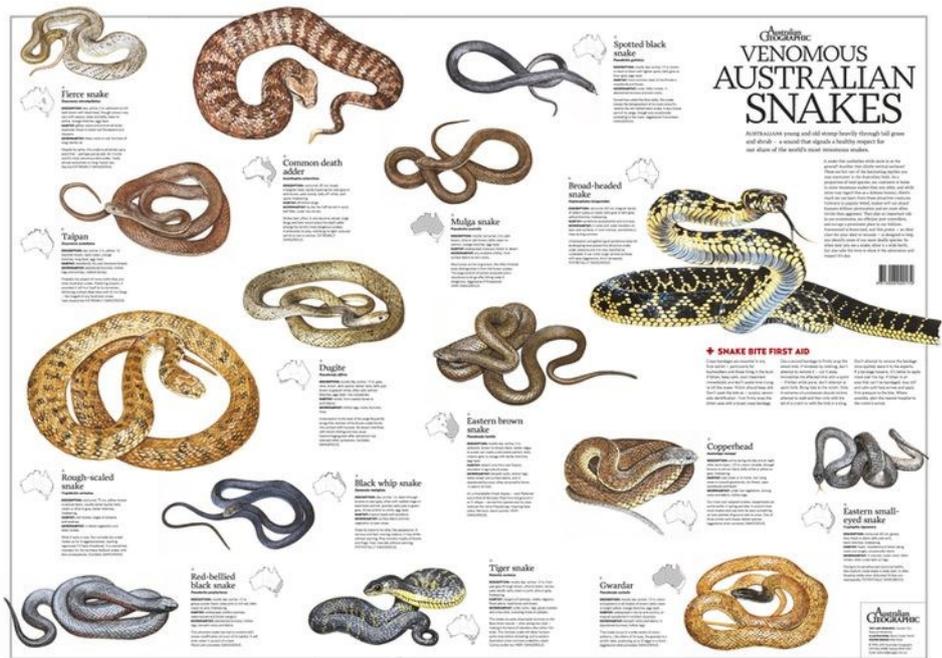
These are some of the items stolen and not all have been retrieved...

Spektrum Transmitters IX20, IX14, NX10, NX8, NX7e, NX6  
Futaba Transmitters 16IZ, T6K  
Blade helicopters 230S, MCPX BL2  
Align helicopters TREX 700XN  
ARRMA cars  
1/8 Kraton  
1/10 Granite.

If you have bought, or seen anything available at ridiculously low prices please let Mick and the police know.

**NB: Sid Bray WORKING BEE December 3 at 07.00am start time.**

**Christmas Party Saturday 9 December Jim Gibson field 10.00am**



### What to do in the event of a snake bite.

Snakes have been on the move at Saambr with one of them hitching a ride in the engine bay of one of our members recently.

In the event of one of someone being bitten this information has been obtained online.

- \* Lay or sit the person down with the bite below the level of the heart. Stay as still as possible. Don't move a muscle, because moving moves the venom through the body.
- \* Try and identify the snake if possible.
- \* Tell them to stay calm and still.
- \* Call 000.
- \* Cover the bite with a clean, dry dressing.
- \* Do not wash the bite area. Venom left on the skin and clothing can help identify the snake.
- \* Apply a compression bandage as you would for an ankle or wrist sprain above the bite site between it and the heart.
- \* Do not cut the wound.
- \* Do not suck the venom out.

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### Dad Jokes

With Christmas around the corner these may come in handy.

Q: Dad can you tell me what a solar eclipse is?

A: No son.

Q: Guess who I bumped into on the way to Specsavers?

A: Everybody.

Q: What has two legs but can't walk?

A: A pair of trousers.

Q: Why did the skeleton laugh?

A: Because someone tickled his funny bone.

### **Repairing fibreglass cowls.**

By Jim Brennan

I can offer some advice on repairing fibre glass cowls.

The method I use is firstly cut and trim out the damaged areas and then rub back the paint on the outside about a centimetre back from the hole/s. Also rub back the inside with light wet and dry. I then get plasticine and make up wads that are about 10 mm thick that will cover the hole/s in the cowl and then shape it to match the cowl contours exactly, using my fingers and a small painter's trowel.

The plasticine will stick to the fibreglass cowl provided it has been well washed with a petrol-soaked rag to remove any oil. I carefully paint fibreglass PVC mould release just on the plasticine and lay up several layers of 6 oz. cloth using West Systems 105 epoxy resin with 206 hardeners.

Blend it into the sanded area on the outside of the cowl. Allow a good 24 hours drying and then sand with 3M "Sandblaster" 180 and 240 grit paper.

Pull out the plasticine and get rid of any sticking to the cowl with a rag dampened with petrol. This 3M sandpaper is used dry and does not clog up, so goes a long way and worth the extra money.

Paint over the repairs with enamel or acrylic two pack paint. Ordinary household enamel can be perfectly matched by your local paint shop using computer scanning. I have recently repaired a P-47 cowl plus the new cowl for my Pacer, all sanded to a baby's bum (technical term) finish using the above sandpaper.

I have showed the P-47 cowl to several people, and none of them has picked the repaired area.

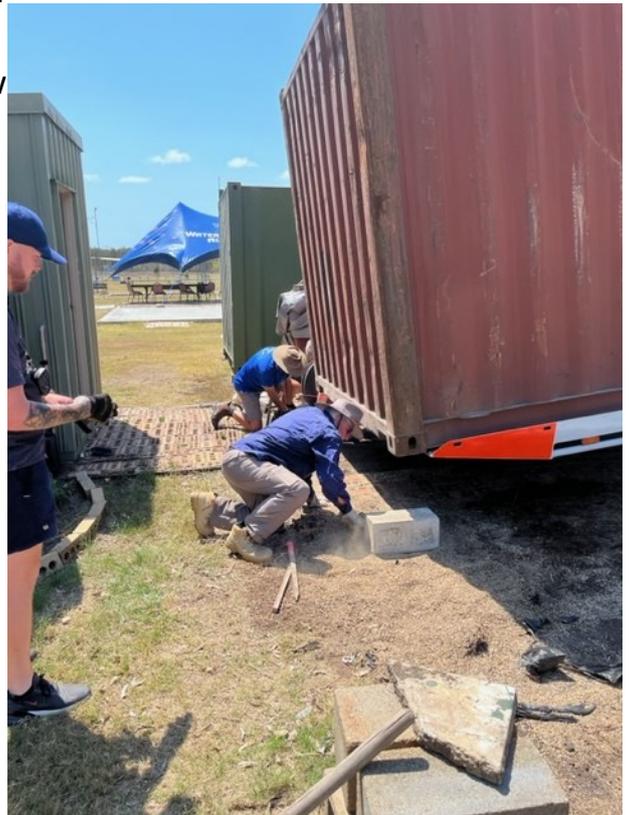
Hope this info is some help to you.

Regards,  
Jim Brennan.



## **New container arrives at Sid Bray field.**

**L-R: Lyndsay, Warner, Neville, Keith, Peter** were on hand to assist in the positioning of the container late October. The equipment in the old one has now been moved as the roof was deteriorating rapidly, and whenever it rained the floor became soaked and needed protection from the elements. Many thanks to these members, and to **Peter Boyd** who acquired and oversaw the entire operation. Thanks fellas.



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## **Have –a– Go Day 29 October Jim Gibson field**

Members of the public were invited to try their hand at flying a plane under the expert guidance of Saambr members who took them up on a trainer with a Buddy Box system.

First step was an introduction to a simulator in the club house to give them a feel for the real thing. Crashing was inevitable, but after a few disasters and words of encouragement, some learners caught on quickly and couldn't wait to get out on the strip. However, there was no shortage of confidence (and nerves) . General consensus seemed to be it's not as easy as it looks.

Age was no barrier and this young lady showed great skill with quick reactions saving Tatts from putting one into the deck.

Lunch was a free BBQ and members got to mingle and chat to the large crowd who turned up.

President Phil invited interested flyers into the pit area and explained



what was involved in getting started, pointing out the planes on display were for advanced flyers and something to look forward to down the track.

A big thanks must go to Mick Dallman for organising the event and to George Atkinson from MAAQ for organising training flights. We look forward to hosting the next one.

Steve Lightowler and Shane gave their time in assisting people how to fly on the simulators.



## Grant application

Early November an application for a community grant was lodged with the Gambling Community Benefit Fund (GCBF). If granted, we'll know some time in January which would allow us to complete concreting works around the perimeter of the pits which requires a 213metre collar skirt around the edges.

This would help pay for concreting, a pump, machinery hire, an engineer, a certifier, wages for trades people and a large poly water tank.

The other requirement is a 26 metre path from the club house to the toilet block and a dedicated disabled parking space which would be at the rear to provide easy access to the club-house.

***NB: It's important to note this work can only be carried out by licensed trades people and not Saambr members. This is to comply with certification requirements, and cannot be part of working bee arrangements .***

## Events Calendar 2023

Many of these dates are available on the MAAQ and Saambr websites, and therefore subject to change without notice.

### December

**Sat 2 & Sun 3rd** Saambr IMAC competition. Camping at the fishing club. BBQ lunch and breakfast both days. Friday evening pizza at the field. Saturday evening dinner at the Tavern.

**Sun 3 December Working Bee Sid Bray 7.00am**

**Sat 9 December Saambr Xmas Party Jim Gibson 10am**

**8,9,10** Kingaroy 'Social Sunday' Christmas weekend. Camping onsite with limited facilities. BBQ lunch and dinner Kingaroy RSL on the 9th. Contact John Box. john.box@hotmail.com

**15 Dec.** MAAQ Indoor flying chandler. \$10 entry fee Chandler Indoor Sportsman Complex. Park in area P3.

### January 2024

**12th** MAAQ Indoor flying Chandler at the Anna Meares Velodrome. \$10 entry fee. Indoor Sportsman Complex. Park in area P1.

## SAAMBR Christmas Party

**Saturday 9 December 10.00am**

Members and families.

**BYO Chairs and alcohol.**



**You're  
invited**



## SAAMBR

**Sid Bray Field located at:**

Elizabeth Road, Griffin, North of Brisbane 4503.

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