

Annual Gala Event @ DAC

Date : 08 December 2018



What a Gala Event to end the year with a bang! Our annual Christmas party was held on 8th December which combined a charity event for the RFDS (Royal Flying Doctors Service). The day was very warm, the air was humid, the mood was happy and the flying was fun. The auction was fierce, the food was great, and the display was colourful. More than fifty members and some family members turned up for the event. The Mayor of Manningham Council and a few Councillors also turned up to experience what DAC was all about.



The day started with welcoming invited guests and arrival of members and their families. Different models were on display for viewing and admiring. Nik had the barbeque started and going on full flame to feed one and all. Some flying started and the "limbo" flying game began with models flying under tapes set two metres above ground. The trainers then "buddied up" with some guests through paired transmitters to provide some model flying fun.

Members and guests mingled and exchanged stories and experiences which were not necessarily related to model flying only. Raffle tickets in aid to Royal Flying Doctors Service (RFDS) were available to all. Then the auction started. Walter was the auctioneer with different individuals eyeing at their desired auction items and eager to bid. All items for auction were from members and proceeds also go to RFDS. All up, more than \$2000 was raised as a donation to RFDS.

The day ended on a high note with everybody going home happy. Special guests had some new experiences and some made a few new friends. The best part was that most just had a fun outing for the day. A couple of useful links are provided for more information.

DAC 2018 Christmas photos https://www.dac.org.au/?p=christ_2018

Time lapse of the day <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ER5MluLccDQ>



DAC President Juris Briedis & Ilona welcoming guests Mayor Paula Piccinini and Deputy Mayor Anna Chen.



Brendan showing some of us how to fly.



Walter the auctioneer in full swing.



Councillor Michelle Kleinert on a "buddy" with Michael – "Left, left, more left!!!"



Jake receiving his Bronze Wings from the Mayor of Manningham Council, Paula Piccinini.



Dan & Lambi – "Don't know about you. We had a good day."



Pilots getting ready for "Limbo" flying.



Michael with Councillor Mike Zafiroopoulos and Deputy Mayor Anna Chen getting ready for take-off