



NEWSLETTER BULLETIN

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**DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER - NEXT
GENERAL MEETING VIA ZOOM AT JUNE
7TH AT 7.30 pm**

**You will receive an email with the link to register from Daniel
in time for the meeting.**

From the President

I would like to welcome our P&DARCS members to the first of our Newsletter Bulletins. This has been brought about as our esteemed editor of many years has resigned due to personal commitments. The Committee thank Frank for all his hard work, not just on newsletters but on all things P&DARCS. His contributions have been invaluable. This new format will continue for the foreseeable future to keep members updated with important club information as needed in lieu of a monthly newsletter. These bulletins will include a little more information than the NOTAP service that was in place and will be published as required. As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please feel free to send me an email or call.

Many members would be aware now that the MAAA annual conference was held in Melbourne in May. At the conference, fees are set for the 2023/2024 financial year. The MAAA chose not to increase any member fees this year, regardless of a significant increase in the national insurance premium. We can now publish our own club schedule of fees as we move into the renewal period.

The national insurance broker, the V-Insurance Group provides a very informative website which includes a complete breakdown and explanation of the fees and services. Note that this insurance policy is valid from May 31st each year. Their information page on the MAAA insurance will be updated by Tuesday June 6th and I would encourage members to make themselves aware of the policy details and information at this site. www.vinsurancegroup.com/maaa

A number of club members were also inducted into the MAAA Hall of Fame. I would like to congratulate Melissa and David Law for their successful nominations along with Noel Whitehead. This honor is provided to aeromodellers from participation through international competitions as well as their services to our sport.

A new incentive from the MAAA will also be active towards the end of June in the form of a Club Activity Scheme. This funding will be available to clubs and Special Interest Groups to assist with running events from public displays or even a simple club BBQ. This program is designed to support clubs that promote the sport and to help foster growth.

From the Secretary

General meeting minutes are now available from the club website. www.pdarcs.com.au/minutes

Updated P&DARCS Membership Fee Structure

As was discussed and voted on at the last general meeting, P&DARCS club fees have increased slightly this year. A few factors have led to this fee increase, including rising costs of fuel and site utilities. **This is our first increase in fees for 12 years.**

MEMBERSHIP	P&DARCS	LOADING	LEVY	MAAA VMAA	TOTALS
Probationary	\$397.50	150%	NIL	\$144.00	\$541.50
Associate	\$265.00	NIL	\$145.00	\$144.00	\$554.00
Full	\$265.00	NIL	NIL	\$144.00	\$409.00
Life	NIL	NIL	NIL	\$144.00	\$144.00
Life-VMAA	\$265.00	NIL	NIL	\$90.00	\$355.00
Life-MAAA	\$265.00	NIL	NIL	NIL	\$265.00
Junior	\$66.25	25%	NIL	\$72.00	\$138.25
Student	\$132.50	50%	NIL	\$144.00	\$276.50
Spouse	\$132.50	50%	NIL	\$144.00	\$276.50
Non-flying	\$232.50	50%	NIL	Non-flying	\$132.50

Junior: aged under 18 years as of July 1st 2023.

Student: full time student under 25 years as of July 1st 2023.

Club renewals will be an online process this year which should significantly speed up the process and will reduce our admin costs for this time of the year. You will soon be receiving your renewal notices from us.

From the Registrar - Club Member Notification

Under our club rules, a prospective members of P&DARCS must first be presented to our entire membership. Full members have a right to object to new membership applications. We have the following new membership applications for consideration.

- Greg Nield – Probationary Member

From the IT Manager – Club Locks

As you would now be aware, the club gate & front door locks on the club room have been replaced with combination locks & general members no longer require a key to access P&DARCS. The codes for these locks have been sent to all members via a text message. If you lose that message, you can visit the Members Area on the P&DARCS Website & request the codes from there.

If you have a yellow club key, this is no longer required as there are no locks it will work in. You can return that key by placing it in the PO Box in the clubroom.

F3A State Championships, Bendigo (Norm Morrish)

Seven of our members endured the cold weather to compete and it was on for young and the Old! Our youngest member, 12-year-old Seth Hunterford, flew for the first time in the Advanced class and won all four rounds with some spectacular flying and went on to win Advanced. Seth flew against strong competitors. John Van De Waterbeemd placed 3rd and flew very well.

Chris Eeles took out the Expert category with Tom Bloodworth winning F3A. Tom will not like this, but he is currently our oldest F3A flying competitor. I am a little older but not flying at present due to some eyesight problems. Toms experience really showed in the rough windy conditions on Sunday when he won 2 rounds.

Peter Hill also flew very well in the wind, winning 1 round to take 2nd place and John Brann also winning 1 round to take out 3rd place.

David Gibbs made up our 7 competitors. Everyone put in a fantastic effort guys. Lots of great flying with heaps of fun.





Upcoming Events Around Our State

The Valley Radio Flyers will be hosting the next round of the Australian Scale Aerosport scale competition over the long weekend, June 10th and 11th. Lots of classes catered for in the event. More information is available from this link or contact Alex Butler on.

The IMAC National Special Interest Group (NSIG) will be holding their annual national championships at the P&DARCS facility over 3 days commencing October 27th. The field will be closed for general flying from Friday morning at 7am until Sunday afternoon at 5pm. Many visiting flyers will be camping at the grounds and arriving from Tuesday.

Club Calendar

To see all upcoming meetings & events at P&DARCS visit www.pdarcs.com.au/calendar