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NEW OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES DOCUMENT

Hello once again fellow P&DARCS members. Following up with our recent Newsletter Bulletin article, the proposed Operational Procedure document is now available for viewing on our club webpage.

Please ensure that you read and understand the document prior to our next general meeting where it will be put to members for approval. That meeting will be held via ZOOM on Wednesday, October 11th at 7.30 pm. Questions will be answered at that meeting, or feel free to contact me about the changes. There are some critical points in the document that will assist us to regain our area approval.

Once approved, this document will replace the current P&DARCS Club Flying Rules and will be part of our application to CASA. We will also be providing evidence of stake holder engagement (notifying our immediate neighbouring landowners along with airfields that are within 50 kilometres of our intended operations) as well as various risk assessments. This submission process is on track to be completed by the middle of this month.

I'd like to extend my thanks to the members of the committee working group that has pulled this document together over the past 6 weeks. I would also like to acknowledge the assistance of Michael Hobson from the MAAA Executive for his ongoing input into the entire area approval process. Without him, this would have taken us a lot longer.

You can access the new document via this link:

P&DARCS Operational Procedures

SATURDAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Given the forecast of much improved weather, club Social Officer, Don White has organised a sausage sizzle for this Saturday, October 7th starting at 1230. The club will provide the sausages and bread, with drinks available from the machine in the clubhouse. Grab your models and head on out for some spring flying time.

FULL SIZE HELICOPTER OPERATIONS

As we are all aware, each month there are low-level, full-size helicopter operations in our area. This work is conducted by Professional Helicopter Services to provide an inspection of the ground water pipeline that runs from the Desalination Plant. Our arrangement with PHS is that they notify us in advance when the operations are taking place and they are of course weather dependent. These notices will appear on our webpage and, where possible members will be notified by NOTAP.

MEMBER INDUCTIONS

Several club members have not yet completed their field inductions. Trevor has been in contact with those members, so please ensure you have responded and arranged a time for it. Some inductions will take place this Saturday at 11am.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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