



# Pakenham & District Aircraft Radio Control Society Inc.

Post to:- PO Box 131 MDC, Cranbourne 3977  
or Place in P&DARCS Club House Mail Box.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Application for Membership 2018 - 2019			
<u>Surname</u>		<u>First &amp; Second Name</u>	
<u>Address</u>		<u>Suburb</u>	<u>Postcode</u>
<u>Date of Birth</u> (Required)	<u>FAI / MAAA Number</u> (If Known)	<u>Occupation</u>	
<u>Spouses Name</u>	<u>Home Phone</u>	<u>Work Phone</u>	<u>Mobile Phone</u>
<u>Email Address</u> (help us with communication to you)			
<u>Privacy:-</u> ( Please tick the box if you do not want your details published in the PDARCS membership list) <input type="checkbox"/>			
<u>MAAA Qualification</u> (If any)			
Model Type (Please Tick) <input type="checkbox"/> Fixed Wing <input type="checkbox"/> Glider <input type="checkbox"/> Helicopter <input type="checkbox"/> Multi Rotor <input type="checkbox"/> Rocket			
<u>Instructor:-</u> (Please tick if you new to the hobby, and you require an instructor) <input type="checkbox"/>			
<i>Please read "Membership Choices" for details Pro-rata Membership Rates are available for the second half of the year</i>			
<b>Member Type</b>	<b>Club Fee</b>	<b>MAAA Fee</b>	<b>Total</b>
Probationary	\$ 364.50	\$ 114.00	\$
Junior (under 18) <small>Children must be supervised at all times by their parents or guardian</small>	\$ 60.75	\$ 57.00	\$
Full Time Student / Apprentice (under 25)	\$ 121.50	\$ 114.00	\$
Spouse	\$ 121.50	\$ 114.00	\$
Other (As agreed by the PDARCS Committee)			
<u>Method of payment</u> Cheque    EFT    PayPal		<b>TOTAL PAYABLE</b> \$	

**Note:**  
Membership fee consists of the Club fees plus MAAA fee. If you have paid your MAAA via another club please state club name.

Club Name:-

I hereby apply for membership of the Pakenham & District Aircraft Radio Control Society for the financial year of 2018/2019, and herewith enclose fees as marked above.

I agree to abide by the rules and safety regulations of the Club, State Body and National Association.

Signed:

<b>For New Members only - Please print your name.</b>	
Proposed by :	<input style="width: 80%; height: 25px;" type="text"/>
Seconded by:	<input style="width: 80%; height: 25px;" type="text"/>

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**Note.** The following are *general guidelines only* and the Club Rules, Constitution and decisions of the Club and Committee prevail at all times.

## Membership:

The Club has various classes of membership that it varies from time to time as the need arises. In general terms: --

**Full membership** is no longer available to new members. All new members, other than Student or Junior, are required to join as Probationary Members. This ensures that there is a good relationship between the member and the club before the member is able to qualify for an upgrade to their membership. Full Members are required to purchase shares, which are currently valued at \$1400.00. The shares are in the Darcsfield Cooperative Ltd, which owns the field and is controlled by the members by paying annual subscriptions to the Club. If you cannot afford to pay for the shares in a single amount, you may buy your shares as detailed in the Membership Choices section.

The Club no longer offers a discounted **Pensioner** membership to new members.

## Membership choices.

If you are under the age of 18 years you are qualified to be a **Junior member**. If you are a full-time student or apprentice under the age of 25 years you are qualified to be a **student member**. You are not required to buy shares. If you no longer meet either of these conditions then your choices are to become either a Full member or an Associate member.

If this is to be your **first year** of membership and you are not qualified to be a Junior or Student member then you join as a Probationary Member.

If this is to be your **second year** of membership and you have been a Probationary member then your choices are: --

1. Become a Full member by purchasing the required parcel of shares, and receive free Club Membership for that renewal year
2. Renew your membership as an Associate Member for 10 years at the Full Membership Fee plus an additional \$140.00 non refundable levy. At the end of the 10 year period you would be offered Full Membership status.

**If you are joining between December and June** the Club will accept payment of half fees for the period ("pro rata period\*") to the end of June.

Details of these options are prescribed in the Club Constitution, a copy of which is available from the Club website. ***It is your responsibility to select the class of membership which fits your circumstances.*** If you do not, then, in accordance with the Constitution, you are not a member. If you have any queries please discuss them with the Treasurer or Registrar.

***The Club encourages you to become a full member as soon as possible.*** Whilst the Club collects increased fees from Probationary and Associate members, the Club gains no financial benefit from your taking up shares, it makes administration, all done by committee members voluntarily in their own time, much easier if you become a full member. The obvious advantage of becoming a full member is that you acquire all the rights of a full member of the Club and Co-op, especially to have your voice heard in running them. From the financial point of view, not only are the membership fees cheaper in the long run but the fee structure for probationary and associate members may change from time to time. In addition it is the habit of the Club from time to time to increase the size of the parcel of shares which you have to buy to become a full member.

## Payment Options

### • By Cheque

1. Choose from the member choice as detailed above
2. Make your cheque payable to **Pakenham & District Aircraft Radio Control Society Inc.**
3. Post the application form and your Cheque to the P&DARCS Treasurer at PO Box 131 MDC, Cranbourne 3977

### • By EFT

1. Choose from the member choice as detailed above.
2. Transfer funds to the P&DARCS Account  
Westpac Bank, Dandenong – BSB:- 033144.  
Account:- 711574 Pakenham & District Aircraft Radio Control Society.
3. Print the receipt and attach to the application form.
4. Post the application form and your receipt to the P&DARCS Treasurer at PO Box 131 MDC, Cranbourne 3977

### • **PayPal**<sup>™</sup>

1. Choose from the member choice as detailed above
2. Go to [www.pdarcs.com.au/paypal](http://www.pdarcs.com.au/paypal) and make your payment
3. Post the application form to the P&DARCS Treasurer at PO Box 131 MDC, Cranbourne 3977

## **Membership Procedure:**

Membership applications must include a proposer and seconder, both of whom are required to be current Club members. Your application will be processed as per the Section 8 of the P&DARCS Constitution, which requires notice of your application in the P&DARCS newsletter and consideration by the Committee. If you are contemplating joining the club it is a very good idea to discuss it with the Treasurer, Registrar or Secretary.

## **Supplementary Information for Prospective Members**

Prior to 1978 the Club, then called the Dandenong Aircraft Radio Control Society, flew at the Police Paddocks on Stud Road. This was public land which offered no tenure and no club facilities. The club decided that a permanent field should be sought and land at Cardinia was identified. A purchase price was negotiated and the required local council approvals were obtained.

The Club had established a flying field fund in 1976 with a balance of approximately \$14,000 available in 1978, all generated by members through raffles, flying displays, etc. The balance of the purchase price, almost \$50,000, had to be contributed by Club members as at this time the VMAA was not funding field purchases.

A Co-operative was formed in 1978 with the land registered in the name of the Co-operative. Sufficient shares were then issued, in \$250 parcels, to raise the required capital with the land serving as security for the shareholder funds. This remains the ownership situation today, the only assets in the Co-operative are the land and the buildings erected by the Club.

The Club is a tenant of the Co-operative, however it pays no rent. All the operations of the club are at arms length from the Co-operative. The Club and Co-operative management committees are separate entities. A tenant farmer leases from the Co-operative the land not used by the Club.

The separation of the land from the Club is important for two reasons:

- In the event of the Club ceasing to operate the land will be available for other uses or for use by a new club.
- In the event of legal action or claims against the Club the land cannot be used to settle Club debts.

All the shares are owned by Club members as it is a requirement that Full members purchase shares in the Co-operative. New members are thus providing the capital to continue ownership of a the property purchased by previous members. Shares may be purchase outright or through a deferred purchase option over 10 years with certain conditions.

*It must be understood that the monies contributed are not a loan to the Co-operative repayable on demand.*

For many years the value of a parcel of shares have increased as the club used some of the annual membership subscriptions of full members to purchase additional shares on their behalf. Currently a parcel of shares is valued at \$1,400.

The sale/purchase of shares is the only way for previous members to recover their funds as the Co-operative has no funds to purchase shares from outgoing members – all the cash is invested in the land. Clearly it is not possible to sell portions of the land to pay out Shareholders.

In the circumstances that there are more members leaving the Club, who then wish to sell their shares, than new members joining it may take years for the shares to be sold. Shares are sold in the date order that the seller offered them for sale.

Shareholder funds are not at risk as the value of the land exceeds the value of shareholder funds.

### **Meetings:**

Details of Club meetings are published in our newsletter, and on the Club Website

### **Flying:**

Every member is given a key to the gate and clubhouse. Flying is allowed on any day of the week, with compliance to the General Flying Rules (posted in the Frequency Pound) being required. It is suggested that you do not fly alone in case of accident.

### **The Club Website:**

Further general information about the club may be obtained from the club website at: - <https://www.pdarcs.com.au/> where you can also obtain details of the officers and other members of the club you can contact.