



# P&DARCS

Pakenham and District Aircraft Radio Control Society



## ***P&DARCS NEWSLETTER*** **FEBRUARY 2016**



To begin celebrations of our 50<sup>th</sup> year, we will have a founding member of P&DARCS conduct an official unveiling of the sign before the next club meeting. Come along and participate  
More pictures and a bit of history on page 8



Alan Foley

**Next Club Meeting, Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February  
at the Burley Field, 1-00 pm start**

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## Editor's Bit

Norm Morrish and Glenn Orchard set up their caravans while practicing for an F3A competition  
Norm stayed on, while carrying out maintenance and other work



Norm Morrish and Glenn with their caravans at our Flying Field

**Frank McPherson** Editor



## WHAT'S ON

**At P&DARCS 2016**  
**Look in the Club Calendar on page 9**

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## PRESIDENT

I wish you all, my fellow club members, a very happy and successful 2016  
May the wind be straight down your strip and may you achieve every target you set for yourself.



Our celebration year of special events will have already started by the time you read this newsletter as we will have had the Vintage -Classic weekend, including the "RoyRob". CD Roly is putting a huge amount of effort into our special year's events, so I trust you will jump in and give him any assistance he requires both with organization of events, and most importantly, on the day, when there will be a myriad of on site jobs to be carried out.

Next up is the Monty Tyrrell, at the end of February so lets see if we can make it the best one ever.

After much discussion during the year, in answer to the gripes from some members, who complained that the holding of the Christmas Spit Roast and Twi-fly midweek restricted their ability to attend, and that it should be on the weekend, we decided to hold it on a Saturday., and what do you know?--- they still didn't turn up, and because of other engagements, some of our regulars couldn't attend either, so we had a significantly smaller number than usual. However, all present had a great evening, so if you missed out---serves you right.

Hope to see you at all events,

**Bill' Reynolds, President**

## SECRETARY

**General meeting held 5<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at the Burley field Wenn Rd. Cardinia**

Meeting opened at 1300hrs  
Members present 24



**Apologies.** D Walsh, A Foley, N Morrish.

**Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted.** Moved F Webb Seconded D Glossop. Carried.

**Business arising from previous minutes.** Nil

**President.** 50<sup>th</sup> Club Anniversary 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016, venues still being investigated.

N Morrish collecting memorability on the club, any member with club material, please contact Norm.

**Treasurer.** Finances are good.

**Editor.** Useful material for the news letter contact the editor.

**Field.** The filling in of the drain now complete, shade cloth has been put on, new gate sign to be erected next Thursday(10<sup>th</sup>)

**C.D.** Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> field will be closed due to the A.P.A. competition.

Saturday & Sunday January 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> 2016 Vintage & Roy Robertson Trophies

Sunday February 28<sup>th</sup> 2016 Monty Tyrrell Trophy.

**General Business.**

M Smith presented printed material on the proposal for a control line circle.

**Motion.** Moved M Smith Seconded P Harris "That a control line circle be established" Carried

Thank you to all the members who attended the club "clean up" day a good job well done.

Suggestion to impose a late fee for members who pay the club fees later than July 31<sup>st</sup>. Paying after that date creates a great deal of extra work for the Registrar and Treasurer processing individual payments.

**Motion.** Moved P Harris Seconded D Jenkins " That the club purchase "T" shirts and Mugs with the P&DARCS logo inscribed for the 50<sup>th</sup> club Anniversary 2016.

Carried.

Meeting closed at 1415hrs.

**Next General meeting.**

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at the Burley field 1300hrs.

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at the Burley field 1300hrs.

**Don White, Secretary**

## SAFETY OFFICER

Happy New Year to all members and their families.

As you all should know by now this year is our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the club and lots of events are planned to celebrate it.

We expect a number of visitors over the year and we ask that all members assist in explaining the club rules to those who are unaware of them.

It is up to the member who brings down a guest to explain these rules such as the use of restraints, priority for the active runway and so on, but with visiting guests who arrive without an invite from a member to enter an event, it is up to us all to make sure they follow the club rules.

It's also worth pointing out the placement of fire extinguishers.

This in addition to the event rules and safety rules being explained to all entrants by the CD as part of their briefing. Happy flying and I hope you attend and contribute to the many events the club has organized for this year.

**Alan Foley Safety Officer**



## WEBMASTER

First of all, happy new year to all P&DARCS Members & their families

As you would have seen we have a new sign at P&DARCS to commemorate

our 50<sup>th</sup> year. Thank you to Alan Foley for organizing the design work. This new 50<sup>th</sup> year logo will also be used on our club website, newsletters & official stationary.

To help celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> year, we will also be producing Club polo shirts & club mugs with the new logo on.

You can personalize the polo shirt and have your name placed on them. To look at these items & place an order, please go to <http://www.pdarcs.com.au/store> . Polo shirts will cost \$45 (\$55 with name) & mugs will cost \$10. The design of the mugs is still being finalised, so I don't have a photo. If you have any questions, Please contact me, Daniel Jenkins



## FIELD MANAGER

Please read this.

**It contains important info about our Runways**

Happy New Year Guys.  
I hope 2016 is a great year for you and you get to the field plenty of times to help celebrate our 50th year.



I only wish Mal Caesar was here to help celebrate what he started back in 1966. I joined in 1973 and they had approx. 200 members. A very strong club established in such a short time. Mal had already set up a Flying Field Fund and had already looked at 2 sites close to Dandenong. We then looked at another site in Cranbourne. Lucky for us we decided on Cardinia in 1978 because the previous sites are now surrounded by housing.

I am very concerned about the dead grass on our runways and cracks beginning to appear. I believe the hot October has killed the spring grass but the main reason is the Schafel Beetle eating the normal grass roots. As I have seen many when they appear on top of the grass.

**I have taken the following steps and I will give you a report at our Feb meeting**

**1) Due to the expected long hot spell** I have not set the sprinklers on to Auto. Normally I do this early Jan and we get through to end of March. At present just setting them on manually prior to hot spells I have used half our capacity. Only have approx 250,000 litres left. I therefore had the Dam water tested just prior to Xmas. I also mixed a sample of 50% dam with 50% sprinkler tank water. Unfortunately the Dam water is far too salty. It is ok for the cattle. The mixed sample is also salty but I require further advice from an Agronomist as soon as they return from holidays before I would consider mixing some dam water to help get us through. Investigated delivery of fresh water but far too expensive. Approx \$190 for 16,000 litres. Would only do 2 nights sprinkling.

**2) Gypsum** was used many years ago and this certainly helped reduce the cracks from 3 inch wide to now 1 inch wide. Have spoken to an Agronomist at Browns Fertilizers, located in Koo Wee Rup and have arranged to meet her on site Thursday, 21st Jan. She will test our soil and recommend what needs to be done to help stabilize our Peat Clay Runways.

**3) Couch Grass** - I know from experience on my own 1 acre property and as a member of a few Golf Courses over the past years when Schafel Beetles became a problem, that the Beetles do not kill off Couch Grass, only kill off single rooted normal grass. Good Couch Grass, like Santa Anna, becomes a carpet layer of grass and acts as an insulation to our peat clay. It also helps hold the clay together to reduce the cracks. Poor couch, like Legend dies off in winter and becomes muddy. We do have some areas of Legend but I plan to get rid of it. Kikuyu is too coarse and we poison this before it spreads too far.

Have also spoken to an Agronomist at Grahams Seeds and I shall meet her on site on the 22nd Jan. They have recommended a suitable couch for our Peat Clay that we can spread on areas as they are prepared. They recommend we spread a layer of sandy loam to allow the couch to spread quicker.

**Note**, I have spoken to Anco Turf, approx 1 year ago. They machine lay couch sprigs but they require a minimum of 10,000 sq metres at approx \$10,000 and we have to prepare the area by levelling the low spots with sandy loam. I therefore consider we are better to spread our own couch seeds on a progressive basis as we level out low spots.

One trial I plan to do is buy approx 10 sq metres of instant Santa Anna couch and lay it in areas where bad cracks are and see how it takes. I plan to try this early Feb.

**4) East Runway Levelling** - I have delayed any work on this until I have spoken to both Agronomists.

**Norm Morrish Field Manager**

## VMAA TROPHY REPORT

It's time that our club stamped our authority on this event, not just with a win but with significant member support for our team. This includes direct support for the members representing the club, providing assistants for the events and for visual, vocal and moral support for the team. The event is being held at our Field on the 14/15 May 2016 and I believe the members representing us deserve the full backing of our club.

The last time we entered a team in this event we won the event on the raw score but were pipped at the post by bonus points given to juniors. The only way to be sure to win the VMAA Trophy is to have good entrants in all events even though only the top 6 scores are counted. We need to prevent the other clubs from receiving high scores in the remaining events even though they may not count towards our score.

Firstly we need contestants for all the events which include Fun Fly contests, Combat, Scale and Scale Aerobatics, Helicopter, Club Racing, Electric Glider, Old Timer Duration and Thermal Glider. I have already received interest from a couple of members but there are still numerous events requiring contestants.

Please contact me if you have an interest in representing the club by either entering as one of the contestants, as an assistant to one of the competitors or as part of the club cheer squad.

**Peter Harris VMAA TEAM CAPTIAN**

**I'm looking forward to your enthusiastic support!**

## P&DARCS Control Line Circle

Mark Smith is working on establishing a Control line circle at our Flying Field

At this stage preparatory earthworks have been started, and a large amount of further work is required

## For Sale

\* **OS 1.60 FX**, used, in good condition.

Comes with Bisson Pitts Muffler and Std OS Muffler never used.

\$300 o.n.o.

\* **OS FS 1.20 III** Pumped, used In good condition.

\$300 o.n.o.

Chris Caulcutt 0438 969 292

## REGISTRAR

### Membership Renewals

Hello and Happy New Year. As normal the registrations have slowed now, apart from the odd member renewing a bit late after the AGM. The most important news is that this will be my last term as Registrar. If there are any members willing to take this role on, then please contact the Committee. I would like to show the new Registrar the ropes during this year's renewals.

### New Member Applications

**David Gibbs, Robert Addison, and Peter Sfrhans** have applied for probationary Club Membership

- *Any objection to this member application can be raised by sending in an official objection in writing to the Secretary. Note that only FULL members have the right to raise an objection.*

### Member Upgrades

**Constantinos Lambrou**, has applied for Membership upgrade to full Member



### Inductions / Orientation

Please give me a call or email to arrange a time. I now have Frank to give me a hand if you wish to make a time during the week.

Please note that I will not chase you to make an appointment. There are five Members that have still not **Arranged an induction session**

### Changes to your contact information

Let me know of any changes of your details by email [registrar@pdarcs.com.au](mailto:registrar@pdarcs.com.au) (preferred) snail mail (Club mail address) or least preferred by phone (my mobile)

Happy Flying, Cheers

**Paul Webber**, Registrar

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These figures only include forms processed by the Registrar

## Membership to date

Paid 2014-15    Unpaid    New 14-15

Associate	4	0	0
Full	98	6	0
Junior	0	0	0
Life	3		
Non-flying Full	0	0	0
Pensioner	26	3	0
Probationary	8	8	2
Student	1	1	1
Spouse	1	0	0
Honorary Member	1	0	0

Probationary - Associate	1
Probationary - Full	1
Associate - Full	8

Re Joined - Full	0
Re Joined - Probationary	1
<b>Total Re Joined</b>	<b>1</b>

<b>Passed Away</b>	<b>0</b>
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<b>Resigned</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Lapsed</b>	<b>18</b>

Sub Total

<b>142</b>	24	3
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# AT OUR FLYING FIELD

Some pictures of people and models



Roly' Gauman's scratch built  
De Havilland Rapide



David Law's BAe Systems Hawk Advance Trainer



Daniel Jenkins foam Skipper XL



Lots happening in the pits, Wally S preparing his  
twin Stick for flight



Paul and Wally, taking the twin Stick to the main  
strip



Twin Stick about to unstick, it flew, well smooth and  
easy to control

# CHRISTMAS DINNER 2015

A few photos of happenings at nosh time



Some thought it best outside under the hay shed



Others decided to stay inside



At the table near the back door



Bill' and Joan busy serving the excellent food

# Our New Gate Sign

Our new gate sign was in the planning and approval stages during last year, The sign is now finished, installed, and looks a treat

The main work done on the sign was carried out by the following Club Members: Alan Foley, Daniel Jenkins, Norm Morrish & Andrew Mysliborski

Sign production and installation Contractor: **Signarama Boronia**

Here are a few photos' of the work done, + a bit of sign history



The current sign as we all know it, up until late 2015



This old sign was discovered underneath the current one, looks a bit shot-up

**We will be conducting an official unveiling of the sign which will be done by founding member of P&DARCS This will take place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February before our monthly club meeting.**

**Come along and show your support.**



The Signarama contractors, installing the new sign

# P&DARCS CALENDAR FOR 2016

## January 2016

21 <sup>st</sup>	Thu	Yes	Burley Field	Committee Meeting	
23-24 <sup>th</sup>	Sat-Sun	Yes	Burley Field	Classic and Vintage Weekend Incorporating the Roy Robinson	

## February

6 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting	
18 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	Yes	Burley Field	Committee Meeting	
21 <sup>st</sup>	Sun	Yes	Burley Field	Multiplex Day	Field not closed
27 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	No	Burley Field	Bi-Monthly Twi-Fly	
28 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Yes	Burley Field	Monty Tyrell	

## March

6 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting	
12-14 <sup>th</sup>	Sat-Mon	Yes	Burley Field	APA Masters	
24 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	Yes	Burley Field	Committee Meeting	

## April

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting	
21 <sup>st</sup>	Thu	Yes	Burley Field	Committee Meeting	
30 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	No	Burley Field	Bi-Monthly Twi-Fly	

## May

7 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting	
14-15 <sup>th</sup>	Sat-sun	Yes	Burley Field	VMAA Trophy, hosted by P&DARCS	
19 <sup>TH</sup>	Thurs	Yes	Burley Field	Committee Meeting	
29 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Yes	Burley Field	VFSAA Sports Scale	

## June

4 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting	
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Thu	Yes	Dingley	Committee Meeting (Winter)	7:30PM Start

## July

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sat	No	Dingley	Annual Club Auction	Dingley needs booking
21 <sup>st</sup>	Thu	Yes	Dingley	Committee Meeting	

## August

6 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting & AGM	
18 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	Yes	Dingley	Committee Meeting	
31 <sup>st</sup>		Yes		50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 1 <sup>st</sup> Meeting P&DARCS	

## September

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting	
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Thu	Yes	Dingley	Committee Meeting	

## October

1 <sup>st</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting & Co-Op AGM	
20 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	Yes	Burley Field	Committee Meeting(Summer)	8PM Start
29 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting	
29 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	No	Burley Field	Bi-Monthly Twi-Fly	

## November

1 <sup>st</sup>	Tue	Yes	Burley Field	Melbourne Cup Aero Tow	
5-6 <sup>th</sup>	Sat-Sun	Yes	Burley Field	P&DARCS Scratch Built Scale	
17 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	Yes	Burley Field	Committee Meeting	

## December

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Spring cleaning of P&DARCS	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Yes	Burley Field	VPA Pattern	
10 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Annual Dinner & Twi-Fly	



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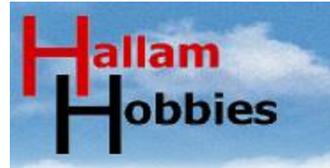
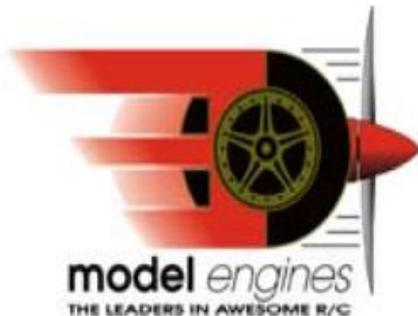


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