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Pakenham and District Aircraft Radio Control Society



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Andrew Mysliborski's nice Cessna 188 Agwagon, climbing away on it's maiden flight.
Balsa and Ply, 1920mm Span, Flying weight about, 5 Kg, electric power

**Next Club Meeting Saturday, 6th November, 1.00 pm at the
Flying Field, all current Covid rules apply,
could even be a celebration BBQ !**

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EDITOR'S BIT

OUR CLUBHOUSE AT NITE

Your Committee used to meet at the Flying Field on Thursday nites

During a Committee meeting break, I had reason to walk out onto the flying field, it was around 9-30pm, and pitch black, a warm nite', I turned and looked at the Clubhouse.

The lights were on, inside, and under the Hay Shed, there was a hubbub of conversation and occasional laughter coming from the Clubhouse, the place looked friendly and inviting

Inside was a group of people enjoying being there, because they like the place, and getting on with the business of looking after our precious hobby, and our flying field, where we come to have fun flying model planes, talking about life, and enjoying good company

I think it is a home away from home ! I just had to take a photo'

Here's what it looked like



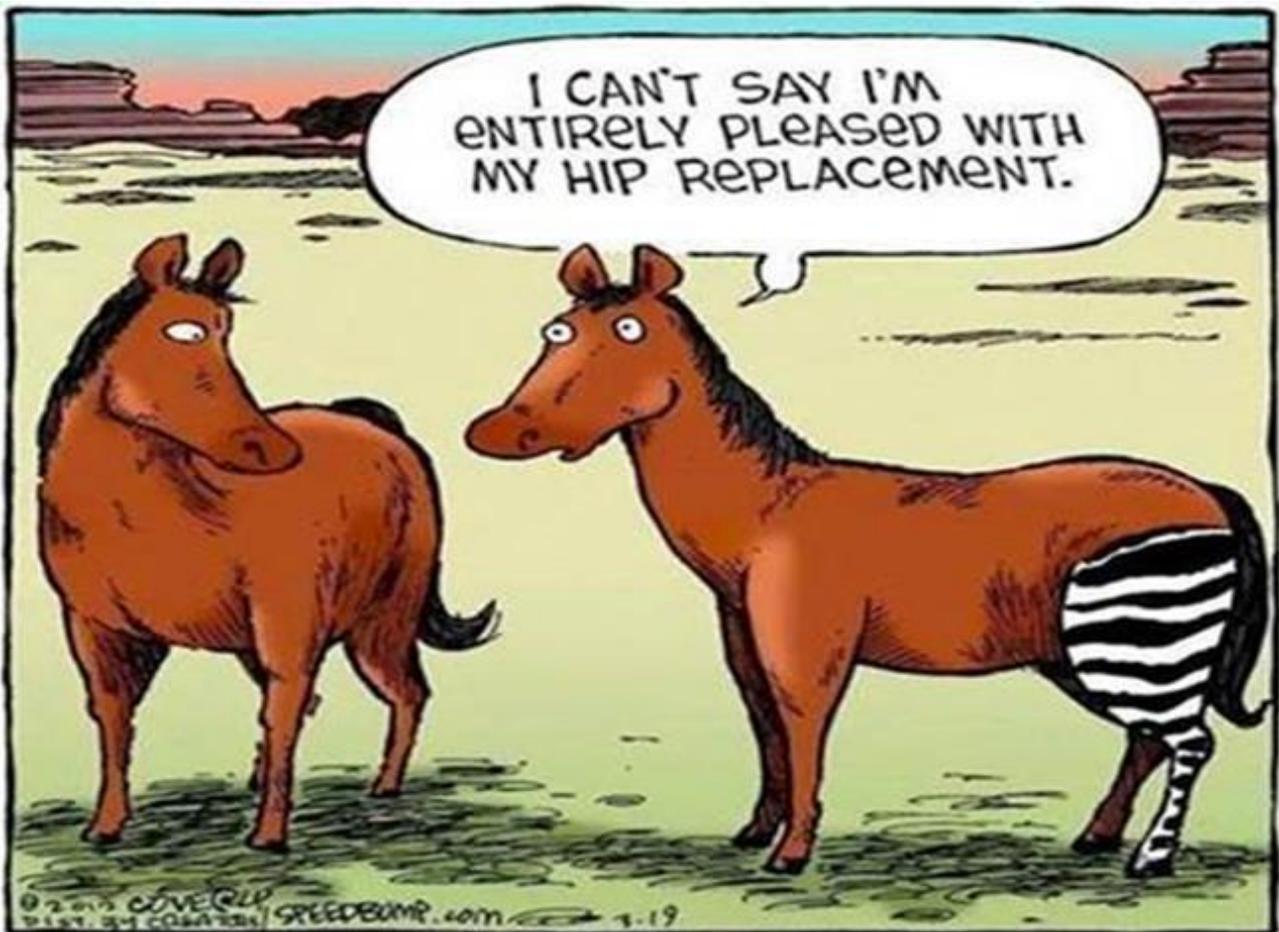
The P&DARCS Ranch

Frank McPherson Editor

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A BIT OF HUMOR





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Monty Tyrrell Memorial Scale Rally Sunday March 27th 2022

Field Location; Wenn Rd. Cardinia, (50K East of Melbourne)



All Scale Aircraft welcome, ARF, Kit built does not matter, just come.

P&DARCS have excellent facilities, including long and wide grass runways and several 12 and 240volt electric charging stations.

Come and have a great days flying.

- **Covid Rules apply**
- Flying starts at 9-00am.
- Excellent Trophies & Prizes
- No documentation required – just fly and have fun.
- Bring lots of aircraft, any size any type, just scale.
- MAAA cards and Model Permits must be sighted.
- See web site, www.pdarcs.com.au/monty , for more information.

Come for a great days flying at a great field.

\$5 per car entry/registration fee for pilots and spectators.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

For the first time in what seems like an eternity, the spring weather is upon us along with the easing or major restrictions. By the time our members read this, we will have achieved another milestone in being free of lockdown which can't come soon enough. Remember, there are some COVID restrictions, so please make sure you read them on the club website.

To everyone, I would like to say thank you for your understanding over the past few months in what has been a very difficult period for everyone and a very busy (and sometimes challenging) time for the committee.

Since re-opening the club under strict government issued guidelines a few weeks ago, our members have accepted the situation for what it is and taken the opportunity to go flying again albeit under a few new requirements.

In particular, a mention to our regional members who had to endure a slightly extended period of lockdown. To all of those regional members who chose to follow the Chief Health Officers direction and not attend the field, thank you for putting the best interests of our club and our members first.

P&DARCS Events

Due to the overwhelming fact that our facilities have been in limbo for so long, the number of events held at our field has been greatly reduced.

It is not envisaged that any special events requiring the field to be closed or partly closed will be given approval for the remainder of the year.

This is to allow our own members to enjoy our club as much as possible following the extended lockdowns. However, the new year will see us return to a full program of events wherever possible including visiting clubs.

This is long overdue and we are certainly looking forward to that.

There will be a VFSAA scale event in Ballarat over the weekend of November 14th if anyone is keen to enter. The VFSAA is an ideal starting platform for your journey into the scale arena.

November General Meeting

Given the announcements due on Friday, October 29th, it should be possible to hold our next general meeting (November 6th) at the field along with a BBQ lunch. Details will be confirmed closer to the date and of course depend on the level of CHO directions but hopefully this will be a step closer to "normal operations".

Field Maintenance

We have a few vacancies on the mowing roster, so if you are able to make yourself available for a slot or two, please let me know. It's a busy time of the year at the moment for the field guys and any assistance is greatly appreciated.

That's it from me and I will leave you to enjoy yet another fabulous publication from our editor-in-chief and wordsmith Mr Frank McPherson.

Thanks to all once again and I hope we can catch up at the field very soon.

Keith Quigg President

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SECRETARY'S REPORTS

October 2021 Committee Meeting Summary

The Club's committee met for the tenth time in 2021 on Thursday night October 28 via Zoom. Some of the items considered are noted below;

- Due to the COVID restrictions currently in place several projects have been delayed.
- The Club adopted a COVID policy. It will be accessible on the web site.
- No new member applications were received.
- A sample of a possible Pilot Barrier Fence is still in place and investigations are continuing on the best way to install it.
- Maintenance issues are accumulating and it is proposed to have a working bee to catch up on these once the Covid restrictions allow.
- A contractor has been engaged to repair the shed doors.
- The next General Meeting to be held at the field. It is important that members bring their own chairs.

Minutes of the P&DARCS General Meeting held on Saturday 2 October 2021 via Zoom

Meeting opened at: 1:00pm

Chair of meeting: President, Keith Quigg

Members Present 42

Apologies: Nil

Visitors; Nil

Minutes of previous Meeting: Motion that the minutes of the AGM be accepted. Moved by David Glossop Seconded by Steve Malcman **CARRIED**

Business Arising from Previous Minutes; Nil

Reports

President: As published in this Newsletter.

Secretary: Nil.

Treasurer:

The Treasurer updated the members on the financial state of the Club.

Treasurer moved his report be accepted. Seconded; Glen Cosser. **CARRIED**

Registrar:

In the past month we have had 1 renewal. The total is now 163 members. There are 17 who have not rejoined this year. He noted that there appeared to be a delay in some members receiving their club badge. He asked any member who has not received their badge to contact him.

Steve Malcman moved that his report be accepted, seconded by Chris Eales **CARRIED**

Field Manager:

Norm Morrish has been filling in for Craig due to his illness. Norm reported that mowing was being done during the lockdown due to it being essential maintenance.

Facilities Manager:

As per report in Newsletter. He was surprised that we did not flood with the 60mm of rain recently. He attributed this to the work that Melbourne Water had done on the drainage. He noted that they had engaged a contractor in Warragul to repair the shed doors.

Safety Officer:

Nil due to lockdown.

Peter Harris reminded members to start to do maintenance on the gear in preparation to resuming flying.

Editor;

Frank McPherson gave a brief rundown of the reports in the Newsletter.

Webmaster:

Business as usual. Daniel noted that Glen Burgdorf, as a community service, was going to produce some instructions on how to get your Covid inoculation information onto your smart phone.

The President noted that nominations were called for the positions of Social Secretary, Club Captain & Chief Flying Instructor. There were no nominations received so the Committee appointed Don White as Social Sec, Peter Harris as Club Captain and Kith Quigg as CFI.

Social Secretary:

Nil due to lockdown.

Club Captain:

No word on the details of the VMAA Trophy.

Chief Flying Instructor

Nil due to lockdown.

Future Planning Sub Committee

The President advised that Neil Addicott was appointed Chairman of a Future Planning Sub Committee

Neil reported that they were looking at setting out a 3 to 5 year plan of development of the club. He noted that the committee would be seeking input from the members during the process. He noted that David Law, Alex Subutsch, Keith Quigg and Glen Orchard were members of the subcommittee.

General Business**Purchase of new Lawn Mower**

Notice was given that the motion "**Approval is given for the expenditure of \$6,639.20 for the purchase of a Husqvarna TS 354 Mower for the Club's mowing fleet**" will be put to the members at the next General Meeting of the Club.

David Glossop asked if maintenance of the new machine been considered.

Keith noted that a maintenance agreement was part of the purchase.

The motion was moved by Craig seconded by Norm. **CARRIED**

ACTION; To proceed with purchase of the new mower.

Events

Ivan advised that due to uncertainty of the Covid lockdown rules it was decided to cancel the Scratch Built Rally. He noted that the 2022 Monty Tyrrell is scheduled for March 27 2022.

Model Inspections

Peter Asked that after the lockdown is over there may be quite a few members wishing to et models certified. Please ensure that this is done and the inspectors have notice so as to arrange the inspections.

Covid Plan

Keith reported that the Committee was in the process of preparing a Covid Plan so that we can resume operations when the restrictions are reduced.

Operations at the Field.

Brian Evans asked what things we have to look at before we can resume flying.

Keith responded that the Cub will be following the Gov rules which will be continually monitored.

Brian noted that he believed there were at least 2 clubs were operating. It was noted that there were requirements that toilets were to be cleaned every day and we did not have the facility to do this.

Coffee Machine

Adrian

Meeting closed at 2:00 pm

Ivan Chiselett Secretary

REGISTRAR'S REPORT _ OCTOBER 2021

It's been a quite month, what can I say. There were no member applications or renewals this month.

Membership statistics

	Paid 21-22	Unpaid	Last Year
Associate	17	4	19
Full	107	3	100
Honorary	0	0	2
Junior	6	2	6
Life	3	0	3
Non-flying Full	0	0	0
Pensioner	16	4	22
Probationary	8	0	18
Prospective	5	0	0
Student	0	0	0
Spouse	1	0	1
TOTAL	163	17	171

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FACILITIES MANAGERS REPORT

Hi members, again I hope you and your family are staying Covid safe and now enjoying the freedom from those never ending lockdowns. It is certainly a time in our life that we will never ever forget!!!!!!!

1) Field Mowing on behalf of Craig. Craig is well and truly on the road to recovery, and still undergoing some tests.

He will return to his Field Manager duties when he gets clearance to return to work.

All areas are cut weekly as essential mowing, to allow new grass to grow where the flat weeds have died off leaving bare patches.

A huge thank you again to Ian Jaques and Mike Smith for their weekly mowing and especially Mike for bringing his own zero turn mower down to mow the pits until the new mower arrived. The Husqvarna mower is a beautiful machine and Craig was the first to try it out.

2) Fresh Drinking Water Supply which also does our toilets, washbasins and shower. **Another Reminder MEMBERS :- you must turn the power on in the clubhouse if you intend to use the taps for a drink, or use the toilets.**

3) New Shed Door Replacement. Good news, a contractor in Warragul, sourced by Chris Eeles, has quoted to repair our shed.

His quote is less than the insurance payout. I travelled to Warragul to meet him and he certainly impressed me with the quality of work he does.

I have given him the approval to proceed and it is due for completion by mid November.

I have reduced the height of the doors from 4 metre to 3 metre and have placed two columns inside the shed to strengthen the building, which will avoid further damage to our sliding doors.

I will bring my caravan on site to be overnight security whilst he does the repairs and we have removed the temporary fencing.

We will make a diversion in our driveway whilst he does his work. Please do not go close to the new shed while he is working on it.

4) Filling in the drain at North End of our Western Runway. We intend to use the piles of excavated dirt from when Craig cleaned out the drains last year to fill up the drain so that we can extend the runway when the new pilot barrier is installed on the West Runway, further north than the current position.

It was an ideal time, for safety, to do it whilst the runway was not in use.

Chris Eeles gave me a hand to lay 2 sets of pipes in a bed of crushed rock and is now ready to backfill when the weather permits. A sincere thank you Chris.

5) Driveway Potholes. After laying the pipes, we had time to repair the potholes in our drive. A great effort by Chris on the rake and shovel all day.

The next day his back knew he had done a full day of manual Labour, but he still decided to play 18 holes of golf and had his best round ever!!!! He just let the club do the work, not trying to hit harder, which makes a bad round of golf.

Go the Great White Shark Chris Eeles.

See photos on the next page

Norm Morrish Facilities Manager



Craig on the new mower



Chris slaving away backfilling the trench

FIELD MANAGERS REPORT

It's great to be back looking after the field and mowing crew again, I've had a few health issues, in and out of hospital but I'm on the mend.

Our field has been highly maintained in my absence and I must thank Mike Smith and Ian Jaques for their endless hours of mowing the field in readiness for our re opening.

The field is in a top condition, broadleaf and roundup spraying has taken place, brush cutting and essential mowing. Plenty of rain fall has fallen, keeping our field nice and green. We are in prime grass growing season as our soil temperatures heat up.

Our new Husqvarna 54" ride on mower has arrived and has been put to work straight away. What a big difference it makes with the wider cutting deck, very fuel efficient and light on the steering. The big Kawasaki 24HP engine is well suited for this mower, also a large comfy seat with arm rests for our grounds crew.

A bonus with the new mower Air conditioning was thrown in at no extra cost.

Our club has made the right choice and is well suited we have quite a few acres to cut.

Apart from that, not much else to report on, but the field is ready to go once we are open again. I'm looking forward to catching up with everyone again soon.



The new Ride – on mower, Husqvarna 54 inch, 24 H.P, twin cylinder

Craig Fitzsimons Field Manager

How to access your proof of vaccination Certificate

By Glenn Burgdorf

Those of us who have been fully vaccinated against Covid-19 have been issued a Covid-19 digital certificate by Medicare. This certificate is NOT sent to you. You need to access it using the Medicare website or a Medicare App on your Smartphone.

There are several steps you need to take to access your certificate. In this article I'll explain how to access and save the certificate on your smartphone.

To obtain a broad understanding of the overall process I suggest you first click on the following Youtube link before following the steps outlined below:

[Centrelink boss explains how to link your Medicare and MyGov accounts to prove your COVID vaccination status | The Morning Show \(7news.com.au\)](#)

Step 1: You need a MyGov account to start the process. If you don't have a MyGov account, click on the link below which will direct you to a Youtube video to explain how to create one. Before you begin, have your email address & mobile phone handy as you'll need to access both of them as part of the registration process.

[myGov - Create a MyGov Account - YouTube](#)

Step 2: MyGov is a central source that allows you to access a variety of Government services, but it doesn't automatically know which services you personally use.

You need to tell it by "linking" the services you use to your MyGov account. To access your digital certificate you need to link MyGov to your Medicare account. If you have linked Medicare to MyGov previously, you can also skip this step, otherwise click on the following Youtube link to see how to link Medicare to your MyGov account.

Before you begin, you'll need to prove your identity to Medicare, so have your Medicare card ready and the bank BSB and account number where your Medicare refunds are deposited into.

[Link Medicare to MyGov using a Medicare card - YouTube](#)

Step 3: The next step is to install the Medicare App on your smartphone. To do this on your phone Go to the Play Store if you have an Android phone, or the App Store if you have an iPhone. Once there, search for the app called Medicare Express and install that on your phone.

Open the Medicare App and login using the MyGov ID and password you created earlier. In the app is a section called "Proof of vaccination" click that, then select "View History" and in there you will have access to your digital certificate. You will also see an option to make it available offline.

I strongly suggest you do make it available offline as this will allow you to display the certificate at any time, even if your phone doesn't have access to the Internet. It also means you don't have to sign in to Medicare each time, just click on the "Offline items" on the opening screen of the Medicare App.

Please note: Since Glenn wrote this article, it is now possible to add your Certificate into the Service Victoria App on your phone. To do so however, you still need to create a My Gov account & link to Medicare. Then you can share the certificate from the My Gov account or from the Medicare app.

AEROTOWING AT P&DARCS

Keith Quigg

For those of us at P&DARCS looking for something a little different and challenging, the gentle art of sailplane flying and aero towing should be high on your agenda.

With the influx of new members last year, we were lucky enough to gain some very experienced sailplane pilots from the VARMS group. Tim Moreland and Anthony Peate have joined us and have had several highly successful days of aero towing at the field.

I have also managed a few good hours aloft with my sailplane at P&DARCS as well as at the annual glider pilgrimage to Jerilderie earlier in the year.

A pure sailplane, by design is devoid of a power plant so it needs motivation and assistance to launch into its search for thermals.

Thermals are the natural rising currents of warm air that provide the lift sailplanes need to stay aloft. A good thermal will ensure you fly for as long as the sailplane pilot can maintain the plane in the thermal.

Bigger is always better and a great sailplane to get started on is the KA8b, an older design but still relevant today. These ARF gliders are made by Seagull and Phoenix Models in a few different sizes from 3 metres to around 4.5 metres. Flying weights vary up to around 11 kgs, depending on the ballast needed.



The Phoenix Models 4.5 metre KA8b “on the tow” at our field recently. In this case, the towplane was the Hangar 9 60cc Carbon Cub flown by Rob Barbuto.



The KA8b climbing away nicely, soon to be hunting thermals



The KA8b well into the tow here behind the Hangar 9 60cc Carbon Cub flown by Rob Barbuto.

There is more than enough room at P&DARCS to enjoy some aero tow and thermal hunting and before we know it, the summer flying season will be upon us. So, if you are ready for that next project to get you motivated, check out the KA8's here or get onto your local hobby shop to order one.

<https://www.modelflight.com.au/seagull-models-ka8b-glider-3000mm-yellow-red-arf.html>

Keith Quigg
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P&DARCS CALENDAR FOR 2021

November

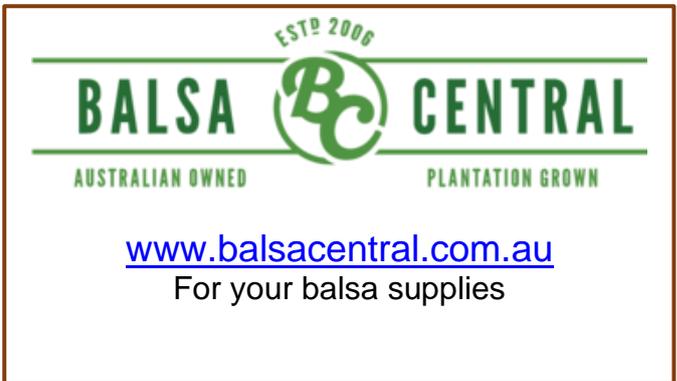
06 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm [Club Meeting](#)

07 (Sun) [P&DARCS Scratch / Kit Built Scale Rally](#) **CANCELLED**

18 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

December

04 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm [Club Meeting](#)



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