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Pakenham and District Aircraft Radio Control Society



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Phillip Singh's great Edge 540.

50% scale, wingspan 3.7M, ARF with balsa and ply construction, Flying weight 27kg, up front is a 375cc petrol engine, running a 37 X 14 prop', the colour scheme follows the full size plane owned by Pip Borman, an Australian Aerobatic flyer who tragically lost his life, when his Pitts Samson he was flying crashed near Shepparton Airport in 2009

**Next Club Meeting, Wednesday 7th December
7-30 pm, via Zoom Webinar.**

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EDITOR'S BIT

On Friday 18th, this month, we had a nice day, not much wind, and sunny for a change. A few members showed up at the flying field, some working at refurbishing the clubhouse and others enjoying the day with a spot of flying

Unfortunately, the runways are very soggy with pools of dark colored water.

San Hoong decided to have a go at flying his big Extra 300, the model weighs around 15kg. Take off was uneventful and San flew the model with authority.

A slight problem occurred on landing when the model touched down. The main wheels cut deep grooves into the soggy surface, splattering the underside of the model with smelly black muck. As you can see, it was a big clean up job.



San H and his grubby Extra 300

Have a look at "From Our Flying Field" for more photos from that Friday.

Frank McPherson Editor.

Wally Schubach. Wally is one of our very senior members, he can be contacted on landline only, 03 8513 5473.

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NOTICES



Annual Christmas Dinner & BBQ CANCELLED

Due to the condition of the flying field and car parks the annual Christmas Dinner, has been cancelled by the committee, apart from the surface conditions and repair of clubroom, nighttime at the field will be plagued with insects. **We will however reschedule this event for January 26th to coincide with the annual Australia Day celebrations.**

Motion For December Club Meeting – Revised Club Rules

With the increased amount of turbine powered aircraft now flying at P&DARCS, we need to make sure our club rules are appropriate. The P&DARCS committee have taken this opportunity to revise the Rules to bring them up to date. A copy of the proposed rules can be downloaded by clicking on the following link:

www.pdarcs.com.au/proposed-rules

P&DARCS Control Line Flying Rally



If the ground conditions are favorable, a group of P&DARCS Members interested in control line flying are proposing to hold a Control Line Flying Rally at the P&DARCS control line circle on December 18th. As the event will include a BBQ lunch, please confirm your attendance to the following emails:

dags18@aussiebb.com.au or mark-smith34@bigpond.com

Should the event be unable to proceed, you will be contacted via email.

IF YOU ARE FEELING UNWELL

For the safety of all members, please do not attend the club if you have COVID or are feeling unwell

Please do not attend if you have:

- **Cough**
- **Fever**
- **Sore throat**
- **Shortness of breath**
- **Have tested positive to Covid**

Thank you

A Committee member may request anyone with these symptoms leave the Flying Field, for the safety of other Members

SOME OF THE OTHER!

From Cliff McIvor, all his fault!

**If you get a LOAN at a bank, you'll be paying it back for 30 yrs.
If you ROB a bank, you'll be out in 10 yrs.
Follow me for more financial advice**

I FOUND A BOOK CALLED HOW TO SOLVE 50% OF YOUR PROBLEMS. SO, I BOUGHT TWO.



Geez Grandma! It's not that hard! Go into Settings... select wi-fi... Select it! Tap it with your finger... OMG any finger!! Grrrrrrr

FACILITIES REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

The two floods during October left the club with extensive cleaning requirements before being in suitable condition to resume operation. Fortunately, losses were kept to a minimum by ensuring that the majority of our equipment was raised above the eventual flood level. The second flood of 700mm entered both the machinery sheds and into the clubrooms. The main loss being the carpet and maintenance will be required to two of the old whipper snippers and the old John Deere Ride On. The three hoist certainly saved the day.

I kept the list of members who had previously volunteered for the past two cancelled working bees and contacted most of them to participate in six different working bees over the past 4 weeks. Thirty-five members were willing to assist the club in this manner.

First Day supported by 5 members.

- Remove the water-logged carpet and under felt from the clubrooms
- Clean and sanitise the Toilet Block

Second Day supported by 13 members

- Pressure clean Veranda and Hay Shed
- Pressure clean floors and equipment in both new and old Machinery Sheds
- Remove all the equipment, furniture and fittings from clubrooms and kitchen in preparation for painting.
- Resolve IT problems
- Grounds work that was possible at the time.

Third Day supported by 2 members.

- Repair holes in ceiling
- Replace water damaged skirting boards in clubrooms

Fourth Day supported by 10 members.

- Internal painting of Clubrooms and Kitchen

Fifth Day supported by 6 members.

- Internal painting of Clubrooms and Kitchen
- Start Painting Veranda deck

Sixth Day supported by 6 members.

- Painting Clubrooms
- Return equipment, furniture and fittings back to the clubrooms

Special thanks to the following 23 members who so willingly assisted in the working bees held over the past four weeks. Many attended on multiple occasions. We also thank both Ian and Andrew Mysliborski for the use of their pressure cleaner

Neil Addicott
Sam Addicott
Chris Caulcutt
Ivan Chiselett
James Cregeen
Chris Eeles
Brian Evans
Craig Fitzsimmons

Alan Foley
Peter Harris
Ian Jaques
Daniel Jenkins
Steve Malcman
Don Malek
Frank McPherson
Norm Morrish

Andrew Mysliborski
Tuan Packeer
Keith Quigg
Paul Rolph
Andrew Smallridge
Paul Van Tongeren
David Walsh

Conclusion

It will probably take at least another month for the floorboards in the clubrooms to dry out before they are sanded and recovered. The internal walls of the clubrooms and kitchen have been totally repainted and our regalia and equipment reinstalled. It will take another working bee to finish painting the verandah deck and rails.

The toilet block has been cleaned and as soon as the ground has firmed-up we will organize the septic and grease trap to be pumped out. Both machinery sheds have been cleaned out and are fully functional. The Hay shed has been cleaned

See also photos of some of the work being carried out on page 12

Peter Harris

(On behalf of Norm Morrish until he is fully back on his feet again).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT December 2022

I'm sure that everyone will agree that it almost feels impossible to be even thinking about Christmas already, but here we are knocking on the door of the last days of 2022. Once again, it has been a year full of surprises and challenges for our great club.

Paramount to that was the heavy decision made at the last committee meeting to postpone our traditional Christmas lunch until Australia Day, 2023. As well as our field remaining very soft under foot, limited parking with more rain on the way, our clubhouse is also still in the process of being cleaned and repainted following the flood damage. Unfortunately, time has run out for us now and it is too close to the original proposed December 10th date for us to proceed.

We will however reschedule this event for January 26th to coincide with the annual Australia Day celebrations.

This year has seen our general meetings move into a Zoom Webinar format to help thwart the unseasonable weather conditions we have been facing at the field. The upside to this is the very high number of attendees at our general meetings which means that more members are having a say in how the club is managed. We have made some big dollar decisions along the way and with the very high percentages of acceptance of our proposals tells me that we, as a committee are providing what the membership wants.

The latter half of this year has presented us with a particularly unfavorable series of weather events, all of which were out of our control but the club spirit and commitment to our club has seen us move onwards and upwards. With a good amount of luck and weather on our side, we will be able to commence and complete several of the large projects that our members have approved early in the new year, with the car park upgrades being a priority.

Earlier this year, the committee introduced a Pilot's Achievement Award. This new annual award will be presented to the recipient at the end of the year function, or in our case this year, during our Australia Day gathering. The criteria is roughly along the lines of encouraging our newer pilots and members with their flying. It's not officially judged, but potential recipients are observed during the year on how they are progressing with their flying. It's not about the best scale model, nor the fastest or the biggest, but simply how members are setting their own goals and making improvements to their flying.

Another change to our events for next year will be increasing the annual Monty Tyrell Scale Event in conjunction with the Vic Scale group to be run over two days. This will hopefully allow more aeromodellers from around the state an opportunity to travel to the P&DARCS for an extended stay. We are also in discussions with a large Special Interest Group to host a national competition in the last quarter of 2023.

In closing off for the year, a huge thanks to all the members of the committee. As we all know, this work is purely voluntary, and your committee members are part of this because they choose to be and want to make a difference. Everyone works hard, all throughout the year to keep things on track. Peter has also penned an article in this newsletter dedicated to the generous commitment of several club members who put in some hard yards to bring the field back into a useable state following our back-to-back flood events. And as always, the guys on the mowing team do an outstanding job each week to keep the place looking first class.

That's enough from me folks, over to the rest of the team. I would like to wish our members and their families a very happy and joyous Christmas. If you are travelling, please take that extra bit of care to make certain you arrive safely at your destination. If the weather is kind, I hope you can manage a couple of well-deserved days of flying at our great club. See you all in 2023.

Keith Quigg | AUS 22897
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SECRETARY'S REPORT

Minutes of the P&DARCS General Meeting held on Wednesday November 09th 2022 via Zoom at 7:30pm.

Meeting to open at: 7:30pm

Chair of meeting: President, Keith Quigg

Members Present; 43

Apologies: Alex Subotsch

Visitors; Nil

Minutes of previous Meeting: Moved by Darryl Slade seconded by Rob Watkins **CARRIED**

Business Arising from Previous Minutes; Nil.

Reports

President: As printed in Newsletter.

Secretary; As printed in Newsletter.

Treasurer:

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

Treasurer moved his report be accepted. Seconded Daniel Jenkins **CARRIED**

Registrar:

As printed in Newsletter. No new applications this month. He reported that Daniel is working on an electronic membership updating system. He asked anyone that has had problems with their MAAA cards to contact him.

Field Manager:

Craig reported that the water had finally receded and has dried out a little. He is organizing some members to go to the field to do some clean up.

Facilities Manager:

Norm reported that he has been in discussions with Melbourne Water re the flooding. Keith noted that Norm and Peter Harris had done an enormous amount of work in relation to the flooding.

Safety Officer: Absent

Editor;

Frank asked for articles and/or pictures for the Newsletter.

Webmaster:

Daniel gave a brief rundown on how the new electronic membership system would work. He asked for some members to contact him to volunteer to do a trial membership update to test the system. Daniel noted that he had received an e-mail from a person who wished to donate a large number of aircraft magazines to the club. He took a straw poll and it indicated that we accept the kind donation.

Social Secretary. Absent

Club Captain:

Nothing to report.

Chief Flying Instructor;

Nothing to report.

Future Planning Sub Committee;

Nothing to report.

General Business

1. Report from DARCSFIELD Co-op Chairman Peter Harris.

Peter gave a report as to what the Co-op was doing in relation to the ongoing flooding that we have experienced. He thanked Norm Morrish for all the work that he has done over many years collection and documenting an enormous amount of data. He noted that the Co-op has changed its approach in relation to Melbourne Water.

We will still chase work requests for maintenance requirements and are now mounting a campaign to hold Melbourne Water, Cardinia Council, Victorian Planning Authority and the Minister for Planning responsible for providing adequate draining for new precincts in the Beaconsfield, Officer and Pakenham area that drain into the Cardinia, Gum Scrub and Toomuc Creeks in an endeavor to minimize future flooding.

The Co-op has prepared form letters and is sending them to our neighbors asking them to alter them to suit their specific situation and send them to the authorities. This is in the hope that the authorities will receive a lot of correspondence to highlight the problem.

2. Leaning Rails. Brian Green asked if, in light of the new Pilot barrier being constructed he asked if the "leaning rails" are also part of the construction. Keith noted that it was intension that the "leaning rails" would be part of the new instillations.

3. Norm Morrish moved the motion; Following a thorough post flood review of the grounds, we proceed with eastern car-park area groundworks – \$8100 (value rounded up, from quotes obtained). The time line for work to proceed will be dependent upon more urgent flood damage repairs. Seconded Keith **CARRIED**

4. Norm Morrish moved the motion; Following a thorough post flood review of the grounds, we proceed with western car park area groundworks – \$5200 (value rounded up, from quotes obtained). The time line for work to proceed will be dependent upon more urgent flood damage repairs. Seconded Keith **CARRIED**

5. Norm Morrish moved; Following a thorough post flood review, we proceed with driveway refurbishment - \$4000 (value rounded up, from quotes obtained). The time line for work to proceed will be dependent upon more urgent flood damage repairs. Seconded Keith **CARRIED**

6. Norm Morrish moved; Following a thorough post flood review, we proceed with western area pit and pump installation - \$5000 (PC sum only). The time line for work to proceed will be dependent upon more urgent flood damage repairs. Seconded Keith **CARRIED**

7. Norm Morrish moved; Following a thorough post flood review, we proceed with installation of new pilot barriers - \$8000 (maximum amount, final cost dependent on materials used). The time line for work to proceed will be dependent upon more urgent flood damage repairs. Seconded Keith **CARRIED**

8. Daniel noted that there appeared to be a big mosquito problem at the field and once it is open we need to take care in this regard.

9. Craig noted that he needs some members to assist in cleaning out the sheds. Peter noted that he had the names of some members had volunteered for work and he would contact them to organise a small group.

10. Neil noted that it would be a good time to repaint the club rooms as part of the cleanup.

Meeting closed at 8:45pm

November 24th 2022 Committee Meeting Summary

The Club's committee met on Wednesday night November 24th via Zoom.

- No new member applications received this month.
- Planning Committee gathering information.
- Draft Club flying rules to be submitted to Members for approval.
- Committee investigating possible better access to adjacent paddocks. Some quotes have been received.
- Continuing to work with Melbourne Water trying to improved drainage of area.
- Quotes have been obtained for fencing to enable the farmer better access to the high ground for the cattle and sent to Co-op.
- All works on car parks and driveway on hold due to ground conditions.
- Club Christmas party cancelled and a replacement event will be held once ground conditions are more suitable.
- The committee approved a request in principle from the ASAA for P&DARCS to host the 2023 National Championships at our field.
- The club needs to get a "catering group" established to be able to take advantage of potential profits during events at the field.
- The calendar for 2023 was reviewed and will be published on the web site.
- It was agreed that a notice be attached to the entrance of the field and a banner on the Newsletter advising "**Please do not attend the facility if you have COVID or are feeling unwell.**"
- Peter Harris has been tirelessly leading a crew of members working very hard to repair our field due to the recent flooding. They have completely repainted the club house which was a very large task.
- The Club has sent letters to all of the election candidates requesting action on the very inadequate drainage of the area. The Co-op is cording other land owners to also send in letters in an effort to pressure the authorities to get some action.
- Field Manager Craig and his team have been doing their best to get the field in good condition but are being hampered by the ground condition. He asks everyone to minimize the damage by not walking on very wet areas.

Ivan Chiselett Secretary

WEBMASTER'S REPORT

Online Renewal System – Testing

As mentioned in last month's newsletter & club meeting, we will be moving to an online electronic renewal system, rather than the current paper based solution.

This solution has been developed by myself & now requires testing to ensure it meets the needs of our members, Treasurer & Registrar. I want to conduct a dry run with 30-40 members to ensure everything works before we go live in June 2023.

So, if you're willing to participate in testing the new solution, please register your name. Testing simply requires responding to some emails to ensure everything works appropriately & should only take 15 minutes of your time. Testing is to take place early January.

To participate, please register your name at this link <https://www.pdarcs.com.au/testing>

Daniel Jenkins Webmaster

REGISTRAR'S REPORT December 2022

Our IT guru Daniel has been working on developing our electronic renewals process, along with myself and Peter Harris. Daniel will be reaching out to members who are willing to assist with testing of the electronic renewal forms, so please keep an eye out for his communication.

New Member Applications

No new membership applications this month.

Membership statistics – No change from last month

| | Paid 22-23 | Unpaid | Last Year |
|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Associate | 18 | 1 | 17 |
| Full | 109 | 2 | 108 |
| Honorary | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Junior | 4 | 0 | 6 |
| Life | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Non-flying Pensioner | 1 | 0 | - |
| Pensioner | 14 | 1 | 16 |
| Probationary | 8 | 12 | 26 |
| Prospective | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Student | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Spouse | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| TOTAL | 160 | 16 | 180 |

Steve Malcman Registrar

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FIELD MANAGER'S REPORT December 2022

Our past few months it's been very frustrating with the flooding of the field. We should be in prime growing season, usually cutting the runways twice a week. At least it's starting to dry out now. Still plenty of boggy wet areas around the runways and pits areas. Please be cautious of these spots.

Once these low-lying areas dry out, they will be filled with topsoil and re seeded. Soon I will be running a few working bees for this job and other tasks that are needed to be completed around the field. More information on dates will be given later. I would like to thank all the mowing crew members for their hard work over the past year and wish them and all members a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Hopefully 2023 is a better year for all of us and clear skies are forecasted.

Craig Fitzsimons Field Manager

Clubhouse painting working bee

Saturday 19th November

Mainly preparation work, filling / sanding / undercoat application



Peter Harris sanding ceiling filler



Dusty Peter, Shooda' putta' hat on



In the kitchen



In the main room



Yours truly, earning that pie for lunch



Western Charging station cleaned up, after LiPO fire damage

From Our Flying Field

Friday 18th November, a rare sunny day
with nil wind



Sitting, enjoying the warmth of the sun



Hung Tran, concentrating flying his helicopter, in the damp conditions



A few models waiting beside the main runway



Frank McP's model splattered with smelly black slop,
after a boggy landing, it went A over T !

P&DARCS CALENDAR FOR 2023

December 2022

[Cancelled] 04 (Sun) [VPA Pattern](#)

07 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Club Meeting](#)

[Cancelled] 10 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm [Christmas BBQ](#)

January 2023

18 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

February

04 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm [Club Meeting](#)

15 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

25 (Sat) [Classic & Vintage Day](#) Field Open: **Partial**

26 (Sun) [Roy Robertson](#) Field Open: **Partial**

March

04 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm [Club Meeting](#)

22 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

25 (Sat) - 26 (Sun) [Monty Tyrrell Scale Rally](#) Field Open: **No**

April

01 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm [Club Meeting](#)

19 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

25 (Tue) 9:00 am - 1:00 pm [Anzac Day](#)

May

06 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm [Club Meeting](#)

24 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

June

03 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm [Club Meeting](#)

21 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

July

01 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm [Club Meeting](#)

19 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

August

05 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm [P&DARCS AGM](#)

23 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

September

02 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm [Club Meeting](#)

20 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

October

07 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm [Club Meeting & Coop AGM](#)

18 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

21 (Sat) 10:00 am - 3:00 pm [Spring Clean Working Bee](#) Field Open: **No**

November

04 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm [Club Meeting](#)

07 (Tue) [Melbourne Cup Aero Tow](#)

11 (Sat) 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm [Mini Working Bee for Rally](#) Field Open: **No**

12 (Sun) [P&DARCS Scratch/Kit Built Scale Rally](#) Field Open: **No**

22 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

December

02 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm [Club Meeting](#)

03 (Sun) 9:00 pm - 10:00 pm [VPA Pattern Event](#) Field Open: **Partial**



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