

# P&DARCS

Pakenham & District Aircraft Radio Control Society

## THE NEWS, FEBRUARY 2015



### **DID YOU SEE THIS !**

#### **B17s low pass over our Flying Field Sat' 10<sup>th</sup> January**

From Temora N.Z, Jack Spruance's two Boeing B17s on tour of Aus' States, promoting Australia day celebrations in Canberra, here on – route to Point Cook

Andrew M caught the B17s lining up our Flying Field, out over farmland past the Eastern Badlands, more details page 8



Andrew Mysliborski

**NEXT CLUB MEETING,  
SATURDAY 7th February AT THE  
BURLEY FIELD, 1-00pm START**

**SEE NEW IMPORTANT NOTICES ON PAGE 3**

## BURLEY FIELD

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## Editor's Bit

All the best that life can offer for the New Year to you and yours



Frank McPherson Editor

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# IMPORTANT NOTICES

- # IF YOU SEE LOCAL FARMER'S COWS ON EITHER WENN OR FOWLER ROADS, CALL THE LOCAL POLICE
- # NAME BADGES MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES, *NO BADGE, NO FLY.* (TO STOP FREELoadERS USING YOUR FLYING FIELD )
- # VISITORS MUST BE SIGNED IN, AND WEAR A "STICK ON" NAME BADGE
- # WHEN STARTING AN I.C POWERED MODEL, OR ARMING AN ELECTRIC POWERED MODEL IN THE PITS, THE MODELS MUST BE RESTRAINED
- # ELECTRIC POWERED MODELS SHOULD BE ARMED AT THE FLYING STRIP AND DISARMED AFTER LANDING

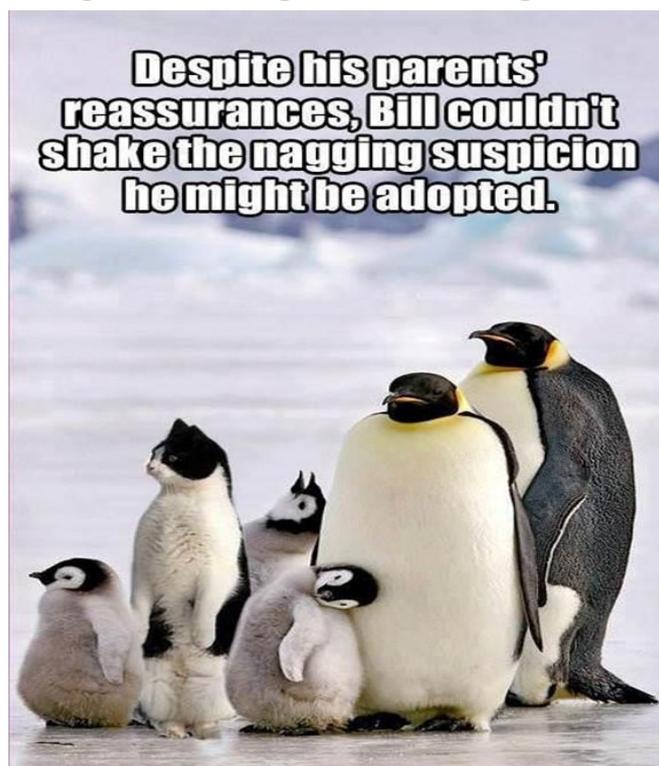
**1. Your Club Committee is forming a Sub-Committee to solve the problem of Club Membership and shares**

**The Sub-Committee need help from recent new members to assist in this task**

**Any recent new members who can participate, please contact Frank McPherson**

**2. In August 2016 P&DARCS will be 50 years old. We need some volunteers to take on responsibility of organizing a celebration to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our first Club Meeting, if you can help, please contact Frank McPherson**

## ON A LIGHTER NOTE



## PRESIDENT

Well here we go for 2015

Firstly, I wish all my fellow members and their close ones, all the very best of everything you could wish yourself for this New Year.

The new year really started off with lots of noise, action, and excitement at Sandown Race course last Sunday with the big demonstration day and the inaugural series of what I hope will become a regular and permanent feature,--Formula One Racing.

Those who were not there surely missed a great spectacle, the sight and sound of large scale 60cc powered aircraft pylon racing at speeds in excess of 220km/hr. My congratulations to those members of our club who flew in those races, and specially their support crews, (you know, the ones that do all the messy bits and the chasing after models)

Other aspects of aeromodelling such as, powered sailplanes, aero tow, aerobatic sailplanes, general purpose models, high speed gliders, and of course, Chris Callow's world champion FAI pylon machine, which is almost unbelievable at around 350km/hr were also demonstrated with great skill for the public.

I cant leave the subject without offering my congratulations to Stephen Green and his team for the organisation and running of the whole operation, it was excellent, and can only be good for our hobby.

**STOP PRESS** I have just been speaking to Stephen G and he informed me that Formula One Racing is definitely to be a regular series.

Well I guess, after such an exciting and successful start to the modelling year

we can all now relax and enjoy a full year of smooth take-offs, great flights, and, most of all, soft and smooth landings.

Be good to yourself

**Bill' Reynolds**, President

## SECRETARY

**General meeting held 6<sup>th</sup> December 2014 at the Burley field Wenn Rd. Cardinia.**

Meeting opened at 1300hrs. Members 17

**Apologies.** P Webber, M Smith.

**Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted.** Moved D White. Seconded W Schubach. Carried

**Business arising from previous minutes.** Nil.

**President.** Nil to report

**Secretary.**

Correspondence in. Thank you letters from F Lacey and Accent Printing.

Accounts for payment. Loan agreement from MAAA

**Treasurer.** Current financial status read to members which is in good shape.

**Field.** Machinery serviced and working well. The new generator has been purchased.

**Special Project.** Shed ready for delivery. (Has since been erected)

**Don White**, Secretary

**Web.** All working well.

**Editor.** Old magazines have been disposed of, leaving room for new material.

**C.D.** 2 events in November with no field closure and it went well with no problems, suggestion for next year that with the exception of 2 big events the field not be closed to general flying.

**Social.** Christmas Party at the Burley field Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December APA Pattern.

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2015 Roy Robertson Trophy.

**General.** A sub committee of A Foley(President) I Chiselett, P Harris, F McPherson and N Morrish, to determine the future of this club.

I Chiselett drafted a proposal for the car club use of our Property, this would be presented to the club for approval early next year.

At the last General meeting a motion by B Law Seconded by D Glossop "That the committee negotiate with the scale car club for the use of our property for their activities of " off road scale car events" This was in the last newsletter and was to be voted on in the December general meeting.

The motion was put to members at this meeting.

The members voted that the committee proceed with the Negotiation, Carried.

The meeting closed at 1400hrs.

### **Next General meeting**

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at the Burley field  
1300hrs

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2015 at the Burley field  
1300hrs

### **New Shed Status**

Well, we now have a shed, Safety Steel Products have finished their part, and it was strong wind tested recently by wind gusts up to 70km / hr, the shed did not budge

The concrete floor + front and side aprons work has been let to Jenkens Concrete, the work is scheduled to start shortly

Preliminary electrical underground mains and Ethernet conduit work was started last Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>, this work was done by Peter H assisted by Daniel J and Frank McP

### **Pictures page 9**

## REGISTRAR

Happy New Year to all P&DRCS Members!

### Membership Renewals

We had two new member applications over the Christmas New Year break

### 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.

### 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).

### New Member Applications

Greg Lepp and Tom Bloodworth have applied for Probationary membership of the Club

### Member Upgrades

Richard Page paid his share, and is now a Full Member of the Club.

Cheers,

**Paul Webber**, Registrar

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## Membership to date

Paid 2014-15      Unpaid      New 14-15

Associate	2	1	0
Full	92	5	0
Junior	0	0	0
Life	3		
Non-flying Full	0	0	0
Pensioner	31	0	0
Probationary	20	2	3
Student	1	1	0
Spouse	1	0	0
Honorary Member	1	0	0

Probationary - Associate	0
Probationary - Full	1
Associate - Full	3

Re Joined - Full	2
Re Joined - Probationary	0
<b>Total Re Joined</b>	<b>2</b>

<b>Passed Away</b>	<b>0</b>
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<b>Resigned</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Lapsed</b>	<b>8</b>

Sub Total

<b>151</b>	14	3
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These figures only include forms processed by the Registrar

## SAFETY OFFICER

No Report for this Month

**Alan Foley** Safety Officer

## FACILITIES MANAGER

No Report for this Month

**Paul Somerville** Facilities Manager

## THE FERRET REPORT



### Diggin' Up Dirt

The Ferret has no dirt to fling around this month

## FIELD MANAGER

**Field Managers Report –January 2015.**

By Norm Morrish

Hi guys, before talking about the field, I wish you all good health, happiness and great flying for 2015.

We have a serious problem with our runways at present, magpies are ripping it up to get to the Schaeffel Beetle grub.

The beetle in grub form eats the roots of grass causing the grass to die and the ground becomes bare. Birds, usually Corellas, see this dying grass and know the grubs are under it so rip it up. In our case it is the magpies.

Corellas do more damage than magpies because they only have short beaks.

Ordinary grass have single roots, where most couch have multiple roots which regenerate and survives the beetles.

As a result the couch does not die off and the birds are less likely to rip couch up. I proved this at home on my acre property that suffered from the beetle. It is near impossible to poison them because the ground must be saturated so the poison can reach the grub.

We converted the lawn to Kyku couch and never had a problem in the past 5 years. I also see it at golf clubs where the birds rip up the grass beside the fairways but not the Santa Anna couch fairways.

My long term plan is to convert our runways to Santa Anna.

This problem may need us to speed up the program.

Until then take note of where the runways are damaged and try to avoid the areas for both takeoff and landings.

**Please contact me on 0418 586 406 if you have had experience with solving the problem or have a method to deter the birds from our runways.**

**Norm Morrish** Field Manager

## WEBMASTER & SOCIAL OFFICER

No Report for this Month

**Daniel Jenkins**, Social Director & Webmaster

# P&DARCS CALENDAR FOR 2014/2015

Date	Day	Confirmed?	Location	Details	Comments
<b>December 2014</b>					
6 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Yes	Burley Field	APA Pattern	
10 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	Yes	Burley Field	Annual Dinner & Twi-Fly	
<b>January 2015</b>					
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Thu	Yes	Burley Field	Committee Meeting	
25 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Yes	Burley Field	Roy Rob Event	
<b>February</b>					
7 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting	
19 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	Yes	Burley Field	Committee Meeting	
28 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Fun Fly & Bi-Monthly Twi-Fly	
<b>March</b>					
8 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting	
9 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	Yes	Burley Field	Labour Day Aero Tow	
19 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	Yes	Burley Field	Committee Meeting	
21-22 <sup>nd</sup>	Sat-Sun	Yes	Burley Field	Monty Tyrell Giant Model & Scale Weekend	
<b>April</b>					
11 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting	Moved due to Easter
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Thu	Yes	Burley Field	Committee Meeting	
25 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Fun Fly & Bi-Monthly Twi-Fly	Anzac Day
26 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Yes	Burley Field	Model Engines Day	
<b>May</b>					
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sun	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting	
21 <sup>st</sup>	Thu	Yes	Burley Field	Committee Meeting	
<b>June</b>					
6 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting	
18 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	Yes	Dingley	Committee Meeting (Winter)	7:30PM Start
27 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Fun Fly & Bi-Monthly Twi-Fly	
<b>July</b>					
4 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	No	Dingley	Annual Club Auction	Dingley needs booking
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Thu	Yes	Dingley	Committee Meeting	
<b>August</b>					
1 <sup>st</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting & AGM	
20 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	Yes	Dingley	Committee Meeting	
29 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Fun Fly & Bi-Monthly Twi-Fly	
<b>September</b>					
5 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting	
17 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	Yes	Dingley	Committee Meeting	
<b>October</b>					
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting & Co-Op AGM	
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Thu	Yes	Burley Field	Committee Meeting(Summer)	8PM Start
31 <sup>st</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Fun Fly & Bi-Monthly Twi-Fly	
<b>November</b>					
1 <sup>st</sup>	Sun	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tue	Yes	Burley Field	Melbourne Cup Aero Tow	
19 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	No	Burley Field	Committee Meeting	
<b>December</b>					
5 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	No	Burley Field	APA Pattern	
9 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	Yes	Burley Field	Annual Dinner & Twi-Fly	

**DON'T BELIVE EVERYTHING YOU SEE ON YOUR NEWSLETTER  
FRONT PAGE**

**BOING B17 LOW PASS**

**THE REAL STORY**

**Alan Foley launching his B17 Sat' 10<sup>th</sup> January  
2<sup>nd</sup> B17 was owned by a visitor to our field.**





**Interplast**  
Repairing bodies & rebuilding lives  
in the Asia Pacific region

## **INTERPLAST DINNER**

When - FRIDAY, MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup>

TIME - 6:30pm for 7pm Start

VENUE - SANDS HOTEL, Hall Road Carrum Downs

Cost - \$40.00 per head including a 3 course dinner

There will be a PowerPoint presentation on the work of Interplast  
PLUS  
Guest speaker

### **Alan Coleman OAM**

Fellow of the Institution of Engineers Australia (FIEAust)

Chartered Professional Engineer (CPEng.)

Qualified in both Electrical and Mechanical Engineering

Received Order of Australia Medal at the Queens Birthday Honors List 2014

Alan has been involved in the design and construction of Hospitals and Hospital Services in Australia and overseas including China, Malaysia, Qatar, Borneo and in Vietnam through the World Health Organisation.

**All proceeds from the night to be donated towards  
Interplast Australia and New Zealand**

RSVP to Peter Harris

Seaford - Carrum Downs Rotary

[pjh5@netspace.net.au](mailto:pjh5@netspace.net.au) or on 0425 857 152 by Tuesday 3<sup>RD</sup> March

# SATURDAY 10TH AT OUR FLYING FIELD

We had our general flyers, plus a lot of visitors preparing for the **FORMULA 1 EVENT** at Sandown Park the next day



# OUR NEW SHED

Erected by Safety Steel Products site worker "Chris"



Laying out the trusses, and bolting them together



Starting the side cladding



Finishing the side cladding



Fitting the front top cladding



The finished product, waiting for the concrete floor and internal fitout ( the side roller door is open )



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