



P&DARCS

Pakenham and District Aircraft Radio Control Society



P&DARCS NEWSLETTER JULY 2024



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**P&DARCS AGM 7 Aug (Online)
Wed 7.30 - 9.30 pm**

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Upcoming Events:

29 Jun

MAAA Instructors Course (In Clubhouse)
29 June (SAT) 10.00 am – 4.00 pm

24 Jul

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

7 Aug

[P&DARCS AGM \(Online\)](#)
7 Aug (Wed) 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm

21 Aug

[Committee Meeting](#)
21 Aug (WED) 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm

31 Aug

[ASAA Victorian States Titles](#)
31 Aug (Sat) - 01 Sep (Sun)
Field Open: No

Secretary's Report:

NOTICE OF AGM

The Annual General Meeting of Pakenham & District Aircraft Radio Control Society (P&DARCS) will take place online via Zoom on Wednesday 7th August at 7:30PM.

All Committee positions will be declared open.

Nominations for Committee positions are to be submitted to the Secretary on the form available at www.pdarcs.com.au/nomination

Business of the Annual General Meeting shall be:

To receive and confirm the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.

To receive from The Committee reports upon the transactions of the Club during the last preceding financial year.

To receive and consider the statement submitted by the Club in accordance with section 30(3) of the Act.

To appoint the Auditor of all Club accounts.

To elect office-bearers for the ensuing 12 months.

To deal with any special business of which notice has been given in accordance with these Rules.

Zoom details will be sent the weekend before the AGM. Please note this will only be sent to financial members.

Registrar's Report:

Cost of living crisis that the registrar was unaware of.

Whilst processing the membership cards and attempting to get them to members as soon as possible I set up a production line to get the address label attached, insert renewal letter into the envelope, add the membership card, then add the stamp, to ensure they could get into the 4pm post on 18/6

\$1.20 stamps were applied and approximately 30 or so cards were then posted out.

More stamps required, so a quick visit to the Post office to purchase more stamps ensued. WHOOPS, postage price increase to \$1.50

Last time I posted something it was pre decimal.....Penny Black I think

Now we have 30 or so letters in the mail that are incorrectly stamped.

Retrieval of letters to re stamp them was attempted all to no avail.

After a long call to the Post Office they advised that they will deliver the letters, BUT the recipient maybe slugged with an insufficient postage charge of \$0.30c and maybe another admin fee.

Those members that were in the impacted batch have been advised by email, any charges will be covered by the club on presentation of the receipt of payment.

I as the Registrar apologise for this, but I was totally unaware of a postal price rise.

Sorry,

Trevor Garey
Registrar

Editor's Report:

Hi all,

A big thank you to all the contributions this month. It makes our club newsletter so much more interesting to be able to share stories and photos of events and competitions.

We have a big shout out of thanks to two very hardworking members and another milestone to share.

This month's edition includes some interesting information regarding Old Timers Get Togethers and the Control Line Circle. Some terrific photos are included.

A special request was made for home-made sausage rolls now that winter is truly amongst us.

Don't forget if you or your significant other has a fantastic recipe to share, please feel free to send it to me. The more the merrier – the way to a modeler's heart is through their stomach!

Please feel free to submit any stories or photos to share with fellow members to editor@pdarcs.com.au

I look forward to hearing from you.

Cheers,

Liz

Rumour Has It...

Which Control Line enthusiast had a dizzy spell mid-flight and fell over, crashing his model, much to the amusement of onlookers...

A Big Shout Out!



Two Very Hard-Working Committee Members

Norm Morrish (Facilities Manager)

Peter Harris (Treasurer)

Representing our Club and local Farmers, at the Victorian Planning Authority, (VPA) regarding water inundation, (flooding)

Working via the Club Coop Committee.

Norm and Peter have put in thousands of hours preparing submissions, liaising with local farmers, Cardinia Shire, Melbourne Water, and attending VPA meetings, in the City.

Preparation of submissions required reading huge amounts of legal, and planning documents, collating of photos and videos, writing the submissions, and assembling that information into a coherent Power Point dialog.

Liaising with local Farmers, required many hours of making the Farmers aware of the issues at hand and assisting them to prepare their submissions.

Working with Melbourne Water was very difficult, as they have a limited, committed budget and not willing to accept additional expenditure, as does Cardinia Shire.

Norm and Peter's submission, and presentation, was well received at the VPA meetings, and they are considered to be Local Experts, in the area of the reasons for water inundation, (flooding) in our area.

This work is ongoing.

Well done Norm and Peter

Submitted by Frank McPherson

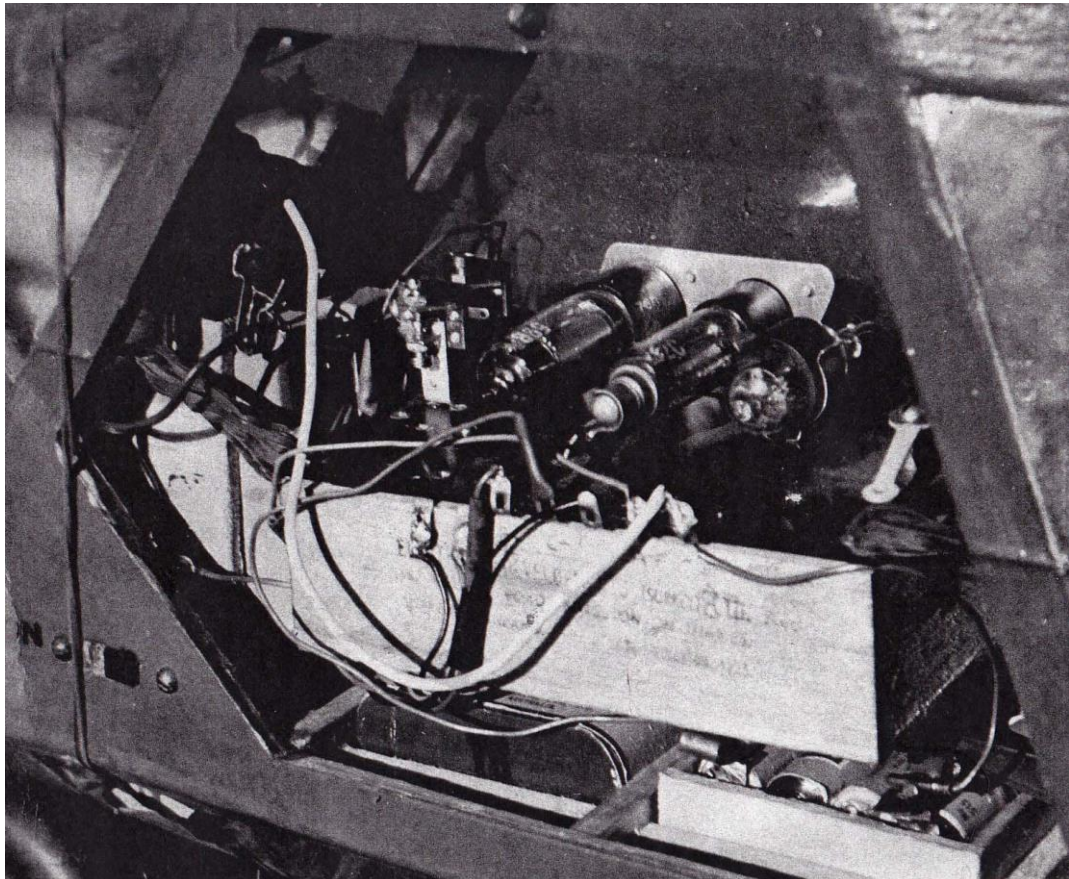
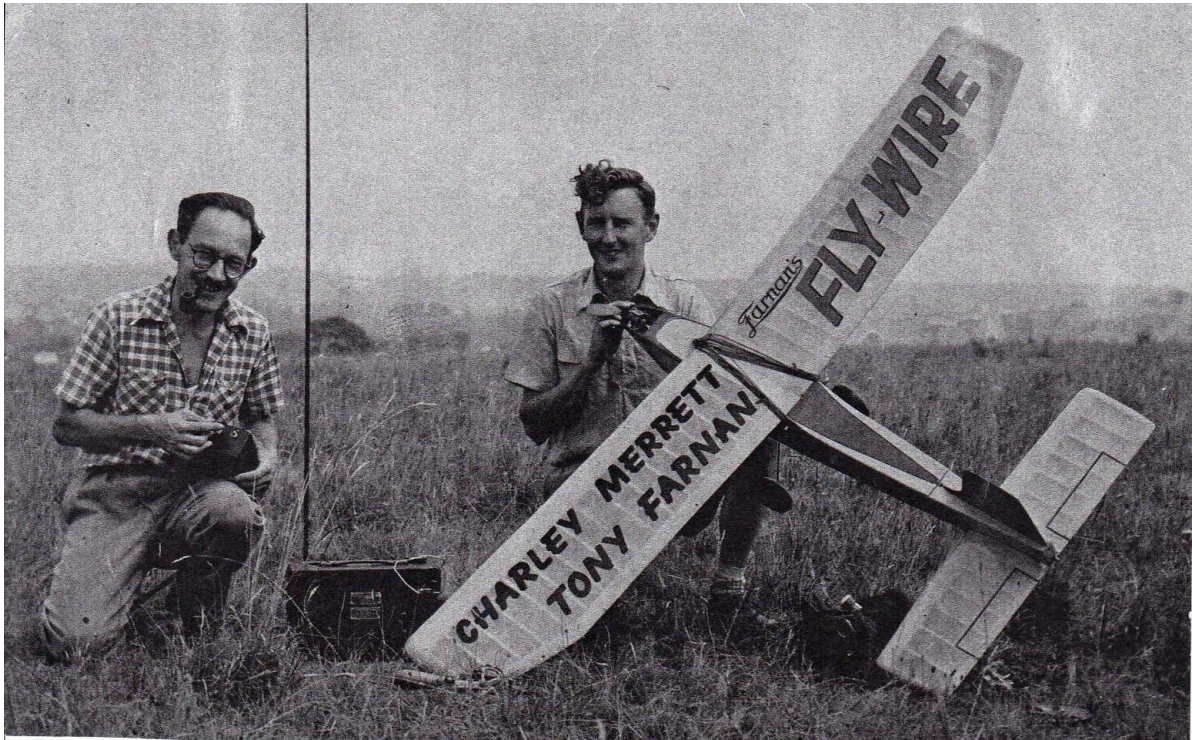
Memories

Mike Farnan found some wonderful old photos from his Dad Tony Farnan's collection.

My dad's collection of planes getting ready for the National back in the 1950s. I wonder what brand of Engines he is using?



Way back before my time, late 1950s, I think. What about the size of the battery with antenna on the ground with a big transmitter to hold for two channels only!



Catering Champs

Below is a picture of the cooks at the F3A competition 18 & 19 May at P& DARCS. Frank McPherson, Chris Calcutt, Peter Harris (being the fridge door) and Don Klein.

You need to look closely to spot Don as he doesn't like drawing attention to himself.

Apology to Peter, didn't realise he wasn't in the picture.

Glen Burgdorf



“The Monty”

Monty Tyrrell 2024

The 2024 Monty Tyrrell scale event was a huge success!

As many are aware, hosting large events at a club can be daunting and difficult. The Monty was no different. It began facing many obstacles and as late as March '24, the event date had not even been finalized! But, as luck would have it, *Australian Scale Aerosport (ASA)* stepped up and presented a proposal to run the event on behalf of the club for the next 3 years....

The ASA essentially had 5-6 weeks to get the event up and running. But the dedication of the ASA committee ensured nothing was overlooked, with the aid of amazing sponsors, brilliant volunteers, and a few choice PDARCS members assisting, all needed was the weather gods to shine. Which they did.

The Scale Aircraft showcased at Monty 2024 were truly remarkable. From scratch-built designs to cutting-edge composite technology, these aircraft demonstrated all aspects of our great hobby, Electric, IC and Turbine. All scale types were fully represented. Over 50 Registered pilots were in attendance, along with many spectators ensuring a busy flight line, and loads of RC comradery.

Congratulations to the following pilots for their great models and flying over the weekend.

BEST STATIC : Dave with the Caribou

BEST JUNIOR: Seth with his mustang

BEST MILITARY: Alister with the P47 Thunderbolt

BEST TURBINE: Phillip with the Sabre

BEST CIVILLIAN: Glenn with the Bonanza

BEST SCALE BUILT: Roly with the Pilatus

And PILOTS CHOICE: Steve with his beautiful Corsair!

And lucky last.... Congrats to Tim Dehaan with the PDARCS MONTY TYRRELL AWARD and the Ercoupe

Finally, the ASA would like to thank all the sponsors

(HolcRC, Austars Models, Modelflight, Desert Aircraft, Scale Aeroproducts, Balsa Central, Icky Sticky, and the VMAA and MAAA

We hope everyone enjoyed themselves and hope the winners of the raffle prizes enjoy their new aeroplanes !











Old Timer Get Togethers

Ang Favaloro basically runs the “Old Timer Get Together” on the 2nd Thursday of the month.

The month of June has been shifted to next Thursday due to the rain this morning.

Generally, it’s the 2nd Thursday of the month except in January.

We generally supply morning tea and sometimes we have a sausage sandwich or the occasional burger etc.

We also have fresh scones jam and cream.

We collectively decide on the Tuesday before and if the weather is predicted to be fine, Ang advises.

If the weather is predicted to be bad, he will advise the guys of the shift of the date.

There is a good cross section of models and modelers with the occasional visitor.

We always have a good rollup.

The group is growing as you can see in the photos enclosed.

It’s a very relaxed and a very laid-back atmosphere and is as much about socializing as flying. It seems to work well.

There are some beautiful models in the group. Most of them built by the modelers themselves. A lot of the guys are “Old School” builders and have been building since they built and flew when they were kids.

A lot of them started off in Control Line, Indoor and Free Flight.

Mark Smith







Control Line Circle

We have been working on the Circle for a considerable time now and we have been able to achieve a lot.

Originally it was part of the farmer's paddock. We have put in approximately 250 tons of dirt and soil and well over 1000 hours. Probably more.

Grass plantings by hand is now taking place and we expect to do a lot more this spring. The lawn variety chosen must be hand planted. It cannot be grown from seed.

The surface is now quite good, and we have been flying there of late. Prior to this, the surface was very lumpy. Especially after the last flood with the dying off all the grasses. The weeds took weeks to eradicate.

We were flying on Sunday 16th June at 12.00 for those interested and Melissa Law took a couple of photos. We hope to have Combat, some Speed as well as Stunt and General F Here are the photos taken on Sunday by Frank, Brian E, Peter T and me.

A great day in all with plenty of combat and general flying.
It's good to see some of the guys who haven't flown in years having a go.

Maybe we should run some simple training and more so "orientation" classes and arrange some help in that area.

That's one very good thing about controliners, they are always willing to support each other. A big thankyou to Mark, Frank, Murray, Peter, and Keith for persevering.

A special thanks to Peter T for flying his drone while the combat was on. The video is a little special. I'll try to discover a way so you can all see it on the internet.

I am currently talking to Ang about the best way to ensure that the Old Timer Get Togethers and the Control Line Get Together's don't clash.

In any case, they would never clash with Club competition days.

We need to ensure that there is a gap between the two, plus we can fly control line on the RC Old Timer days in any case.

Don't forget, the Old Timer Get together is coming up shortly and Ang will send out his usual advice this evening.

The weather has not been that kind, but it is winter in Melbourne.

Show and tell

One of our friends Russell Elbers brought down his 5-cylinder radial engine that he is scratch building. Well done Russell and thanks for showing it to us.

Russell wants to put his engine into a Boeing P26 Peashooter.

More to come, I'm sure.

Any comments about the day and control line in general will be greatly appreciated.

I'll store them up and send out as a group message in a couple of days.

If anyone else took photos, please send them through.

As you know, a lot of us do not use Facebook. They don't have smart phones, and some have very limited email at best.

Back to the workshop....



Cheers

Mark



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Melissa Law

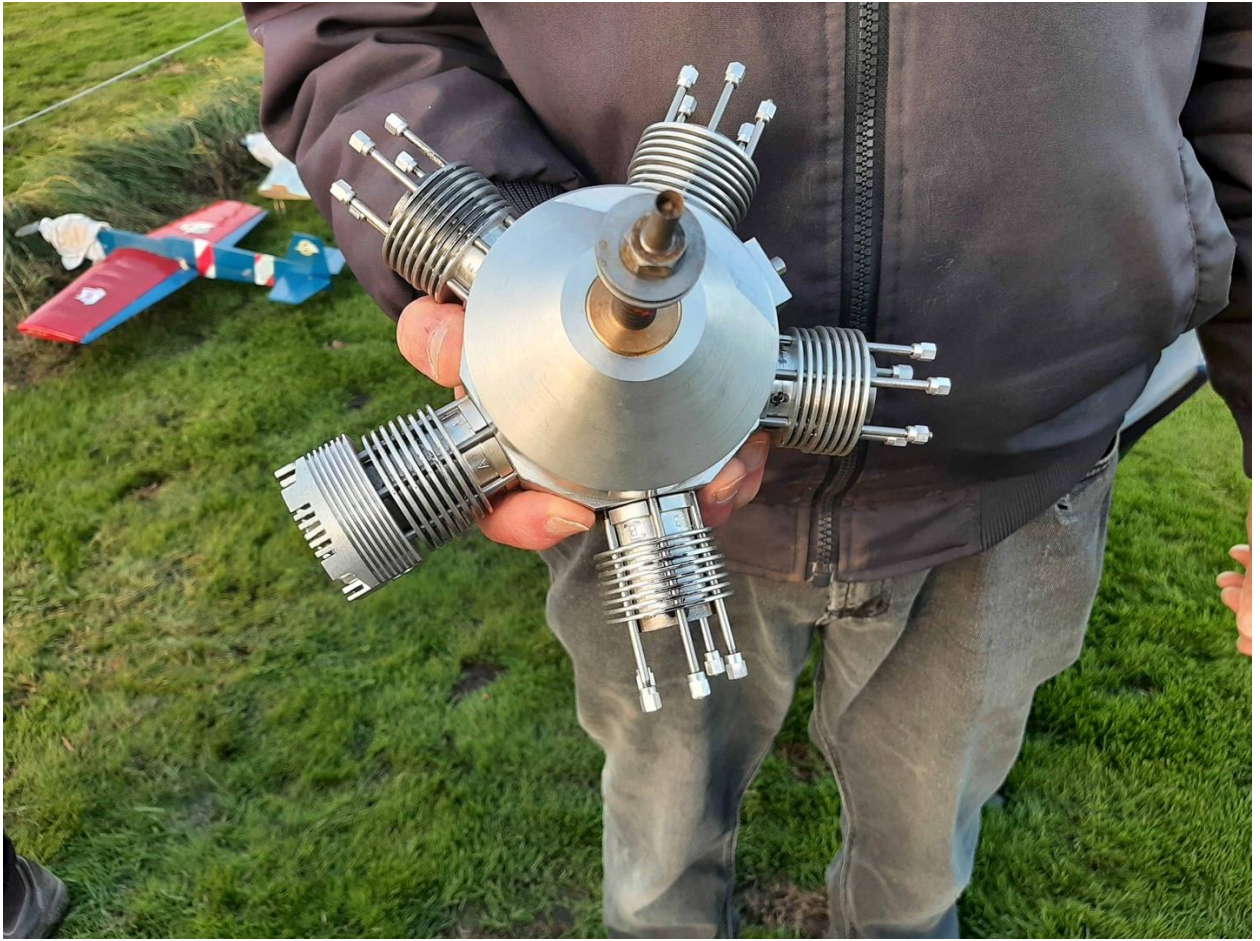
Fantastic to see this club asset being utilised again. Well done to the team involved in getting it back up to standard!

Keith Quigg

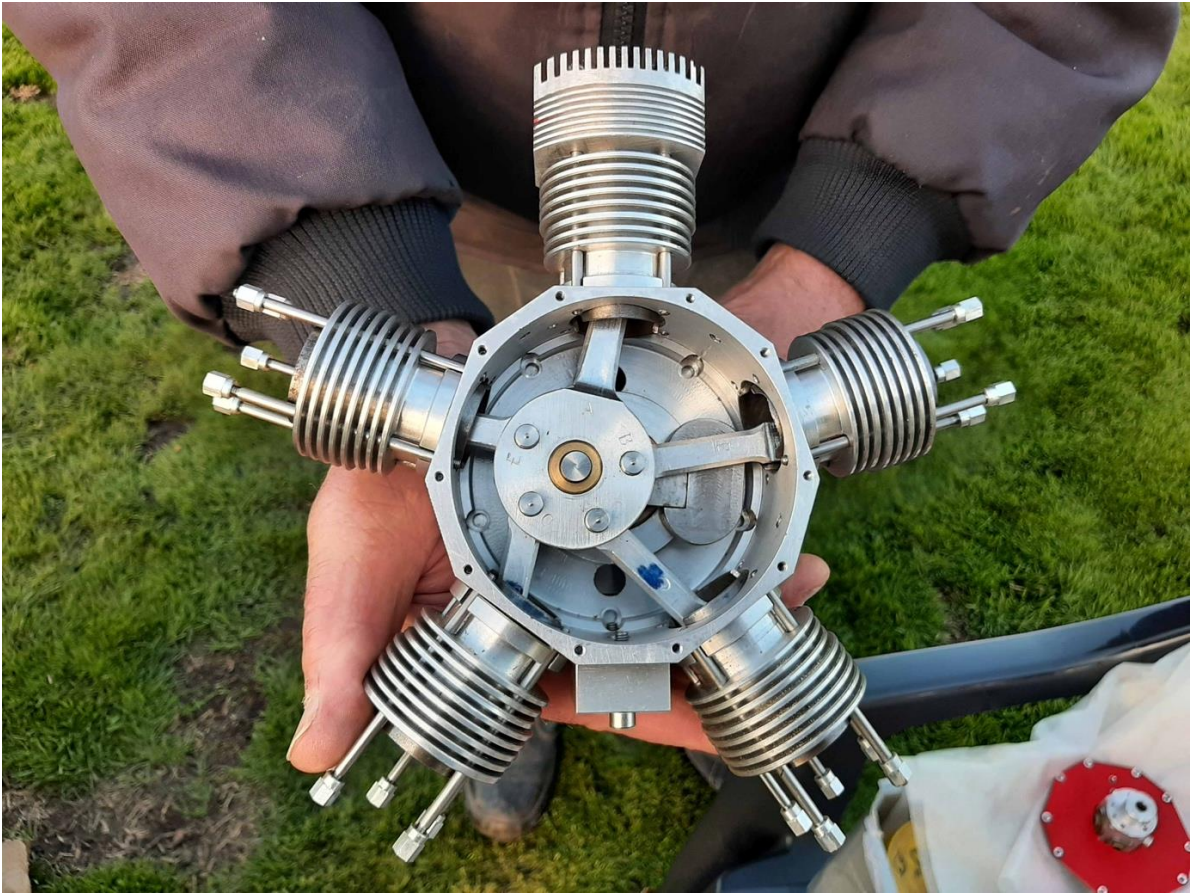
Club members! Come down some time and I'll sign you in as a guest. Cheers Chris

Chris Eeles













BUY, SWAP OR SELL

For Sale - Mazda CX3, 2018 (Akari - luxury), low kms 37,000, Digital radio (DAB+), powered sunroof, blind spot sensors, rear vision camera, leather seats, heated front seats, satellite navigation (GPS), ABS brakes, remote central locking, 18" alloy wheels, front cup holders active cornering headlamps, iPod connectivity, front bottle holders and LED headlamps - \$28,000 ono.

Car is in terrific condition, Contact John van de Waterbeemd (0406 383 507) for more information.







Milestones

One of our regular members, Chris Keller celebrated the King's Birthday holiday by re-gaining his gold wings which had lapsed a decade ago.

Chris deserved his wings as he didn't treat the testing lightly and rehearsed the required manoeuvres despite his considerable experience in IMAC flying!

Congrats!

Chris Eeles



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Lizzie's Sausage Rolls

There is nothing more delicious on this planet than a homemade sausage roll. The best thing about them is that you know what's in them and can choose the flavours you like best.

Over the years I have amended this recipe – I used to use sausage meat but have become increasingly wary of what is actually in it. When my brother jokingly told me it's made of lips and arseholes that was enough to put me off it for life!

I now use a mixture of pork and veal from the butcher, and this is very successful. The addition of grated apple makes the mixture lovely and moist and is a trick I learnt from a microwave cooking demonstrator I worked with many years ago...



Ingredients:

1 kg pork & veal mince

1 beaten egg

1 large grated zucchini

1 large grated carrot

1 grated apple

good glug of tomato sauce

1 cup of breadcrumbs

pinch of grated nutmeg

salt & pepper to season

1 packet frozen packaged puff pastry squares

1 extra egg for glazing

sesame seeds to decorate

Method:

Mix the first nine ingredients together using your hands

Place the pastry squares on a bench top or table (I have a plastic pastry sheet – very handy)

Cut each sheet in half horizontally – this will give you two rectangles per sheet

Take out a handful of meat mixture and form into a sausage about an inch from the bottom of each rectangle

Brush along the top with beaten egg and roll the pastry up with the seam side down

Glaze the top with egg wash and sprinkle with sesame seeds

These can be cut into 3 or four individual sausage rolls depending on how big you want them

Lightly score the pastry with a knife and place on a baking tray

Bake in 200c (fan forced) oven for around 30 minutes or until gold brown

Cool on a wire tray

Variations:

Chicken mince with Thai red or green curry sauce is lovely

Lamb mince with pine nuts, sultanas and cumin for a Middle Eastern favour

Beef Mince with soy sauce and finely chopped water chestnuts

The possibilities are endless...



P&DARCS Calendar

July, 2024

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

August, 2024

07 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [P&DARCS AGM \(Online\)](#)

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

31 (Sat) - 01 (Sun) [ASAA Victorian States Titles](#) Field Open: **No**

September, 2024

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

October, 2024

02 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Club Meeting & Coop AGM \(Online\)](#)

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

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

November, 2024

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

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

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

December, 2024

01 (Sun) 9:00 am - 4:00 pm [VPA Pattern Event](#) Field Open: **Partial**

04 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Club Meeting \(Online\)](#)

April, 2025

12 (Sat) - 13 (Sun) [ASA Monty Tyrrell Scale Rally](#) Field Open: **No**



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