



# P&DARCS

Pakenham and District Aircraft Radio Control Society



## P&DARCS NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2026



**Huge congratulations to Alex Williams for winning this year's Achievement Award for Most Improved Member, presented at the P&DARCS Christmas Party**

**Next Club Meeting Feb 4th (Wed) 7.30 - 9.30 pm**

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## Upcoming Events

**Jan 21**

### **Committee Meeting**

21 Jan (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

**Jan 29**

### **VPA Mid Week Competition**

29 Jan (Thu)

**Feb 4**

### **Club Meeting (Online)**

04 Feb (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

**Feb 18**

### **Committee Meeting**

18 Feb (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

**Mar 18**

### **Committee Meeting**

18 Mar (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

# **KEEP OUR CLUBHOUSE CLEAN**

- **YOU USE IT.**

- **YOU CLEAN IT.**

- **YOU PUT IT AWAY.**

**Nothing is to be left on the tables,  
in the sink or on  
the benches. Chairs to be stacked  
up once you have  
finished.**

# Thank You to Ian Slack

Thank You Ian Slack – A Generous Contribution to Our Christmas Raffle

P&DARCS would like to extend a sincere thank you to long-time member Ian Slack for his generous donation of a Seagull Models Maxi Lift ARF, which was used as a major prize in our recent Christmas raffle.

Ian's support and willingness to contribute such a quality model added real excitement to the raffle and helped make the event a great success for the club. Acts of generosity like this are what strengthen our community and keep the spirit of P&DARCS thriving.



Congratulations also go to Stevie Malcman, the lucky winner of the Maxi Lift. By all accounts, Stevie was a very happy winner indeed, and we're sure the model will be put to excellent use at the field.

Once again, thank you Ian for your kindness and ongoing support of the club—it's truly appreciated by all members.

## Editor's Report

Wishing everyone a very Happy New Year and hope the year will be kind to you all.

Again I would like to thank the committee for the beautiful gift of Champagne at the club Christmas Party. I means a lot and I really appreciated it.

This month we have some fabulous photos of the ASA Nationals 2025, and our club did very well as always.

Alex Williams has sent in a terrific piece and apart from achieving his Gold Wings in December, he also won the Club Achievement Award . A very deserving win indeed.

Doom and gloom in the Ventevogel crib as Simon crashed his magnificent Turbo Laser into the levee. Pilot is blaming brain fade and is feeling very sheepish. Cost of repairs to be run by the editor of this newsletter. I may have a bargaining chip for some outstanding chores. ☺

Cheers Liz



**"It'll do loops, wingovers, slow rolls, Immelmans, lazy eights, spins and snap rolls . . . if and when I can get this engine started."**

# ***ASA Scale Nationals 2025***



## **ASA Scale Nationals 2025: Craftsmanship, Camaraderie, and Competition**

The **2025 ASA/MAAA Scale Nationals** returned in spectacular fashion this October, hosted by the **Bairnsdale and District Model Aero Club (BADMAC)** at their Goon Nure facility. After a long absence from the aero modelling scene, the Nationals reignited passion across the community, drawing pilots from **Queensland, New South Wales, the ACT, and Victoria**.

Over two days, the event saw **78 judged flights**, showcasing the very best of Australian scale modelling. For the first time, a **jet category** was introduced, adding a thrilling new dimension to the competition. Despite challenging crosswind conditions, pilots delivered sensational performances, blending technical precision with artistry in the skies.

Highlights included:

- **Peter Goff** and his Tiger Moth taking top honours in the **F4H category**, ahead of Mel Law and Anthony Ogle.
- **Aaron Garle** winning the **Flying Only class**, with Tony Wilson and Keith Quigg close behind.

- In **Team Scale**, Goff again triumphed, followed by Ogle and Alex Butler.
- The **Jet division** saw Ogle claim victory, edging out Quigg and rising talent Tyson Dodd.

The Nationals weren't just about competition—they were about community. The ASA committee, judges, and volunteers worked tirelessly to deliver a seamless event.

Beyond the results, the Nationals celebrated the spirit of scale modelling: **craftsmanship, camaraderie, and national pride**. Each aircraft told a story, from heritage icons like the Tiger Moth to sleek modern jets, reflecting the dedication of builders and flyers alike. The event also served as a launchpad for Australia's world team, who will carry this spirit onto the global stage in 2026.

**In summary:** The ASA Scale Nationals 2025 were a resounding success, blending competition with community, and setting the stage for Australia's representation at the upcoming World Championships. It was a weekend of inspiration, innovation, and inclusivity—an event that truly embodied the heart of scale aero sports.

Melissa Law

Contest Director – ASA











# Milestones

December 10<sup>th</sup> 2025

A fabulous day of flying at P&DARCS today, and one that I was particularly pleased to have a small part in.

Our club Safety Officer, Alex Williams, reached a significant milestone in his aeromodelling journey with the first successful turbine model flight of his own Sky Wing Falcon under the watchful eye of Simon Ventevogel.

Alex has only been involved in the sport for a couple of years, but in that time he has devoted himself completely to becoming a better pilot. He progressed through the Silver Wings and, more recently, achieved his Gold Wings endorsement, enabling him to fly turbine models at our club. One or two more certification flights and Alex will have his turbine Permit to Fly signed off.

This is a tremendous achievement for Alex, and one he should be very proud of. We are fortunate to be part of an exceptional club like P&DARCS, with a deep pool of knowledge and experience across many flying disciplines, all of which help support and develop members like Alex as they advance their skills.

Photo credits to our P&DARCS club member Andrew Mysliborski.

**Keith Quigg**









**Also a big congratulations to Alex for winning this year's Achievement Award for Most Improved Member of the club. Very well earned indeed.**



# Know Your Pliers



## **Um... Turbines, and especially turbo props, take a very long time to throttle up..**

As many of you are aware, on Monday 5th, I had a miscalculated eastern approach for an attempted landing which resulted in my beautiful Turbo Laser crashing into the levee at a very hard to access position.

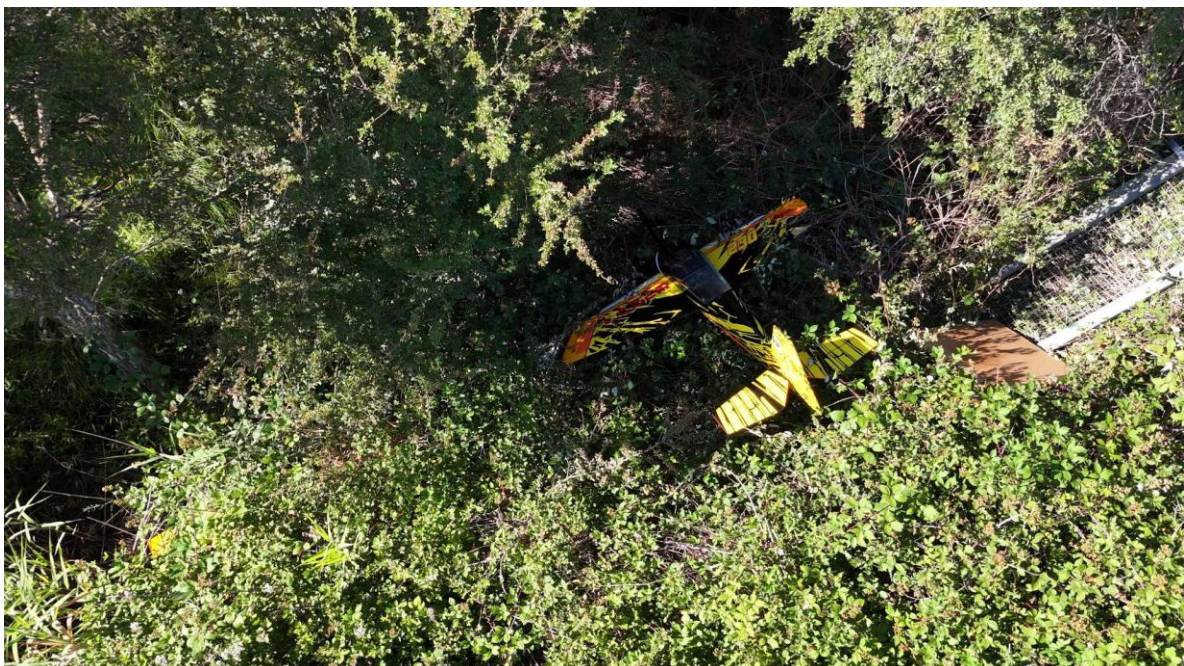
I would like to thank everybody that helped me retrieve my model over the two days it took to get it back.

A special thank you to Bruce, Stuart, and Adrian Tubb's help making an access path to the plane. The damage is not nearly as bad as I imaged but still will need a lot of work and a new right wing. The turbine seems ok on first inspection.

Thank you Andrew for the pictures.

P.S. What have I learnt from this? Turbines and especially turbo props take a very long time to throttle up..

Simon V







# Alex's Corner

## How Quizzical

G'day folks,

I turned up, early as usual, and Don was already there.

We did the morning dance, which includes grunts, questions, handzin-pockets, and a fair bit of foot shuffling.

Eventually I had to ask. "Where did this come from?", pointing to the new model trolley sitting there in all its beautiful glory.

"No idea .." said Don. "It was there when I got here."

There was residual interest between us about this freshly made, freshly painted and freshly impressive piece of kit, but not enough to interrupt what we were there for.

It was interesting watching as the rest of the morning crew rocked up. Andrew was next and gave the interloping trolley the twice over, poking this and prodding that.

But when Peter rocked up, in his new and fancy carry all van, I for one thought that the mystery would now evaporate as ownership would be taken and conversation would ensue in a very much manner. But no; denial was the topic and mildly enthusiastic was the delivery method.

Hmm. The plot thickens.

It was an excellent day of flying, so I was there until after lunch, but in that time, with the arrival of many flying intendeeds, and the equally quizzical denial of ownership from each, the plot remained thickened.

Denial was the theme the next day, with lots of aeronauts now expressing amazement at the quality of the finish, the amount of work that has been put

into it, the quality of the work, with particular mention of the lettering on the sides of the ghostly trolley. But as to who was responsible ..... naught.

Nobody had the slightest clue.

And to this day, campfires under the Southern Cross are witness to the much-told story of the mystery model trolley that just appeared that morning, with no warning, no explanation, and no bloody idea who has made it.

A legend is born.

Keep on flying,

*Alex Williams*

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# RECIPE OF THE MONTH

## Marmalade Glazed Ham Steaks

This quick and easy recipe is delicious. It only takes minutes to put together and the result is awesome. Serve with a salad or hot crunchy chips. Enjoy.

Tips:

If you prefer, you can use a glacé cherry instead of cranberry sauce.



**Ingredients:**

4-6 ham steaks

4-6 pineapple rings

4-6 teaspoons of cranberry sauce

Glaze:

1/3 cup of pineapple juice

1/2 cup of orange juice

1/3 cup of orange marmalade

1 tablespoon of wholegrain mustard

1 tablespoon of Dijon mustard

1 tablespoon of honey

1 teaspoon of crushed garlic

Small pinch of salt

**Method:**

Bring all the glaze ingredients to the boil

Score the ham steaks into diamond shapes

Soak in glaze for 15 minutes

Place on baking paper in a tray tin

Spoon over more glaze

Top each one with a pineapple slice

Place a teaspoon of cranberry sauce in the pineapple hole

Top with more glaze

Bake in 200C oven for 20 minutes

# P&DARCS Calendar

## January, 2026

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

29 (Thu) [VPA Mid Week Competition](#) Field Open: No

## February, 2026

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

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

## March, 2026

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

## April, 2026

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

17 (Fri) - 19 (Sun) [ASA Monty Tyrrell Scale Rally](#) Field Open: No

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

## May, 2026

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

## June, 2026

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

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

## July, 2026

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

## August, 2026

05 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [General Club Meeting & P&DARCS AGM \(Online\)](#)

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

## September, 2026

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

## October, 2026

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

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

## November, 2026

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

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

## December, 2026

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

06 (Sun) 9:00 am - 07 (Mon) [VPA Precision Aerobatics Competition](#) Field Open: No

09 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm [Pre Christmas Committee Wrap Up Meeting](#)

