



P&DARCS

Pakenham and District Aircraft Radio Control Society



P&DARCS NEWSLETTER APRIL 2026



Supporter polos have arrived!

Next order closes 20th of March for pick up at the Monty at **Pakenham & District Aircraft Radio Controlled Society** ! You can also still have them delivered to your home too!!

Next Club Meeting Apr 01 (Wed) 7.30 - 9.30 pm

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Upcoming Events

Mar 18

Committee Meeting

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

Apr 1

Club Meeting (Online)

01 Apr (Wed) 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm

Apr 17

ASA Monty Tyrrell Scale Rally

17 Apr (Fri) – 19 Apr (Sun)

Apr 22

Committee Meeting

22 Apr (Wed) 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm

May 17

ASA Scale Competition

17 May (Sun)

President's Report



P&DARCS Member Notice – Model Inspection Requirements (MOP015)

Members are reminded of their obligations under Model Aeronautical Association of Australia (MAAA) **Manual of Procedures MOP015 – Model Aircraft Airworthiness Inspection**.

Under MOP015, the owner of **any model aircraft with a dry weight of 7kg or greater must hold a current Permit To Fly (MAAA 038)** confirming that the model meets the MAAA airworthiness requirements. Gas turbine models of any weight also require a permit. All Permits are valid for 3 years.

Key Responsibilities

- **The model owner is responsible** for ensuring that any aircraft **7 kg and above is inspected and remains current** under MOP015.
- **The model owner is responsible for providing and completing the necessary paperwork in readiness for the inspector to sign off. Forms are readily available from the MAAA website.**
- Inspections must be conducted by a **recognised MAAA Heavy Model or Gas Turbine Inspector**.
- Some inspectors may provide an adhesive sticker to place inside the model as a reminder of the expiration date.
- **Aircraft must not be flown if the permit has expired or has not been completed.**
- The model owner must carry the permit with them to present to an inspector or committee member if required.
- Each additional pilot must be certified on the model and noted on the permit by an inspector.

Ask your heavy model inspector to upload the relevant information to the P&DARCS Heavy Model Register or provide the information to the CFI so it can be placed in the register.

Arranging Inspections

Members are asked to **plan inspections well in advance**. Inspectors volunteer their time, and availability cannot be guaranteed at short notice.

- **Do not arrive at the field with a model expecting an inspection to be available on the day.** Inspections should be **pre-arranged directly with an authorised inspector** at a mutually convenient time. A current list of certified inspectors is available from the VMAA website.

In most cases, test flights and certifications on large models or gas turbine models are not permitted at organized events.

Compliance

These requirements form part of the operational safety framework of the MAAA and apply to all members operating applicable aircraft at club fields.

Your cooperation ensures that **P&DARCS continues to operate safely, responsibly, and in compliance with MAAA regulations.**

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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.**

Facilities Manager's Report

Great News - Field Flooding Is Dramatically Reduced.

Report By Norm Morrish

I am very happy to say future flooding to our field has been dramatically reduced. I have given a report on this at a recent club zoom meeting but want this good news to get to all members.

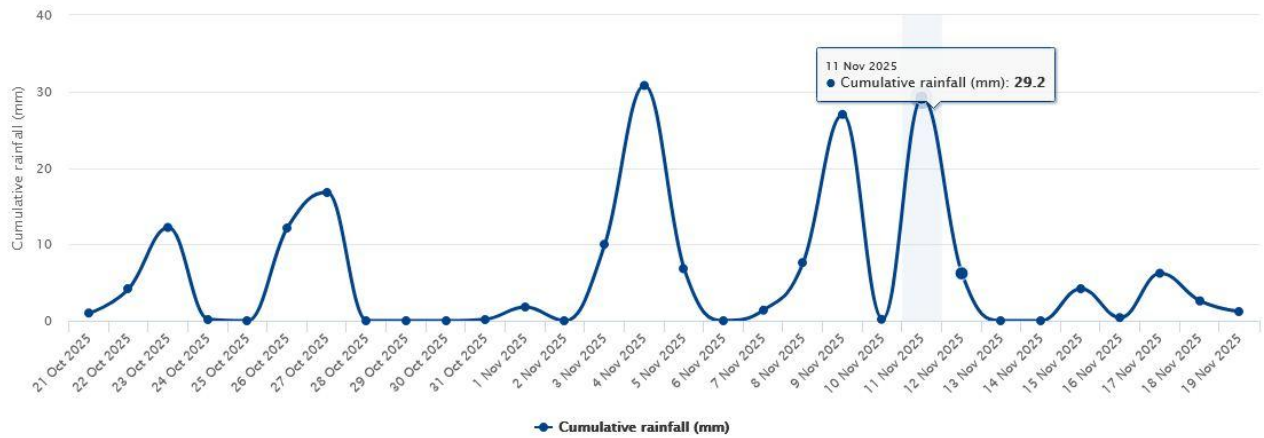
November 2022, Peter Harris and I held a meeting with Melbourne Water and Cardinia Shire operations manager. The purpose was to discuss ways to improve the flow of Gum Scrub Creek especially at the Wenn Rd bridge where it becomes stagnant after heavy rain.

Basic explanation of problem is there are two creeks in the bad lands on the east side of Wenn Rd. The first one adjacent to the levee is called the Toomuc Creek overflow drain and joins into Gum Scrub Creek between Wenn Rd Bridge and Ballarto Rd. This becomes a raging river after heavy rain and its flow blocked the flow of Gum Scrub. We asked Melb Water to investigate the creek levees further to our north because we have seen water escaping the creeks and flowing across Wenn Rd at the sharp bend.

Melb Water found a badly damaged levee bank approximately 2km to our north near Watsons Rd. And this was allowing most of the Toomuc Creek to flow into the overflow drain. Toomuc Creek takes all of the development that you see along Cardinia Rd, so our problem would have worsened as the large developments increase.

The good news - Melb Water fixed the levee early last year and then in October 2025 we had 180mm with 3 peaks of 30mm per day, as can be seen on the attached chart. This is nearly identical to October 2022 which had 190mm and two peaks of 30mm per day which flooded us twice, as per the photo. So following last Octobers rain at the Wenn Rd bridge I expected to see flooding but instead Gum Scrub was flowing swiftly and 600mm below its bank. What a fantastic sight. I can confidently say that we will only be flooded when 100mm falls in one day and this is not common.

Sincere thanks to Peter Harris



Officer South Rain 21st Oct to 19th Nov 2025. 182mm - No Flood



Bay 13 - 7am Sun 30th on Oct 22

Editor's Report

Alex Williams has sent another awesome piece this month and, as always, it is greatly appreciated. He always gives everyone a laugh with his witty and clever writing.

Don't forget to save the date for the Monty Tyrrell Scale Rally in April this year. Tickets are now on sale below:

<https://australian-scale-aerosport.square.site/>

Some pix from the Wings Over Wangaratta IMAC Competition are included with some copy from Danika Starkey.

Cheers

Liz

ME: I'm not paying \$30 for this shirt



ALSO ME:



MONTY TYRRELL

Scale Rally

2026

ASA

AUSTRALIAN SCALE AEROSPORT



P&DARCS CLUB



Bigger than Ever

17-19 APRIL '26

30 Fowler Road, Cardinia

MONTY TYRRELL SCALE RALLY – APRIL 17–19

The ASA is once again proud to support P&DARCs in the running of the **Monty Tyrrell Scale Rally**, held over **three days from April 17–19**.

A long-standing and much-loved P&DARCs event, the Monty Tyrrell Scale Rally is a **fixture on the calendar** and a fantastic opportunity for everyone to come together for a weekend of **friendly flying, great models, and even better company**.

While the Monty is **predominantly a scale event**, the ASA is pleased to open the doors of P&DARCs to **aircraft of all shapes and sizes**. You can enjoy the spectacle of scale flying while still flying **whatever you feel like bringing along**. **New for 2026**, the event will be **open to the general public**, giving visitors the chance to watch, explore the facilities, and see firsthand what our great sport is all about. Another exciting addition this year is a **car boot sale** — a perfect opportunity to clear out surplus models, tools, kits, or other RC-related items.

To participate in the car boot sale, please contact **Glenn Salisbury** at salisburyglenn2@gmail.com.

As always, the weekend will feature:

- Flying demonstrations
- Camping on site
- **A ticketed Saturday night dinner**
- Raffles and prizes across a range of model categories

Remember — *you've got to be in it to win it!*

With **2026 being an F4 World Championships year**, the ASA will also be **raising funds at the Monty** to help support the Australian team on their journey to the UK later this year. Be sure to grab a **support shirt** or **raffle ticket** and help the team represent Australia on the world stage.

For more information about the **Monty Tyrrell Scale Rally**, visit the **ASA Facebook page**, the **P&DARCs page**, or email ausscaleaerosport@outlook.com if you don't have access to Facebook.



MONTY TYRRELL 2026



**READY
FOR FLIGHT!**

**MEET SOME OF THE PILOTS OF THE
2026 F4 SCALE TEAM
HEADING TO THE UK TO REPRESENT AUSTRALIA!**



ASA

AUSTRALIAN SCALE AEROSPORT



DATE: 17-19 APRIL 2026

LOCATION: PDARCS 30 FOWLER ROAD, CARDINIA



MONTY TYRRELL
2026
APRIL 17 – 19th



\$10 per seller

Bring your own tables, chairs, gazebo's etc

Buyers – Bring cash & grab a bargain!

Register your interest to sell by contacting **Glenn** at
salisburyglenn2@gmail.com

Key Electrical Concepts

Key Electrical Concepts

1 HP	746 WATT
1 AMPS	240 WATT, [V=240]
1 KW	1000 WATT
1 HP	1.746 KW
1 KW	0,84 AMPS, [P. F = 0.8]
1 KVA	0.25 KW
1 AMPS	1,25 KW, [V = 415]
1 KW	1.25 KVA
1 KW	1.341 HP
1 UNITS	0.7188KVA[V = 415]
1 ΩΩ	1 KWH
1 KΩ	1.000 MΩ
1 KWH	1000 WATTS
1 WATT	0.001 KVA
1 Ω	1000 Ω
1 M	1000 KΩ
1 M	1,000,000 Ω
1 Ω	0.000001 MΩ
1 KVA	1.391 AMPS
1 TON	3.517 KW
1 KVA	1000 VA

WINGS OVER WANG

The weekend of March 7th and 8th brought IMAC pilots to Wangaratta, and boy it did not disappoint from the fabulous weather, to the great hospitality of [Rachel York](#) and [Jon York](#).

Friday started with pilot arrivals and practice flights with dinner at Wangaratta RSL. Competition starting Saturday with everyone hands on deck with judging, scribing, and calling.

Breakfast and lunch were delivered from the guys of Wangaratta aero modellers, Dinner was fantastic roast pork and beef with potato bake and an array of salads with desert of tiramisu, cinnamon scrolls and homemade berry sorbet made by Rach.

Sunday kicked off with the unknowns with lots of laughs happening there, the day ended off with another two double rounds.

The comradery had by all was fantastic and as always a weekend to never forget.
Danika Starkey

As always P&DARCS was well represented and had excellent results.

RESULTS

Basic:

1st place: David Gbrac

2nd place: Ben Mecklem

Sportsman:

1st place: Jason Starkey

2nd place: Jon Laing

3rd place: Phil Dayne

Intermediate:

1st place: Craig Brister

2nd place: **Simon Ventevogel**

3rd place: **Robert Barbuto**

4th place: Jon York

5th place: Ant Sisley

Advance:

1st place: Darren Mecklem

Unlimited:

1st place: Adam Goulding

2nd place: Michael Andrysik

3rd place: Stevie Malcman







Alex's Corner

Flying – How's That Weather Been, Ay?

G'day folks,

Melbourne cold one day, stinking hot the next. Wow, that sounds somewhat familiar.

But this past 6 or 8 months have been diabolical, dontcha reckon? The wind, the wind; that infernal bloody wind. I suppose it's only to be expected when Victoria sits at the bottom of an enormous protrusion from the southernmost region of Oz, into the Southern Ocean.

But I mean, come on. Enough is enough.

After taking a straw poll amongst club members, this last period of time has been the worst for wind in most member's living memory. Of course the severity of the windy weather we've had depends on a number of factors.

For a relative newbie who is flying a foamy, anything above a 12kph gust is considered unflyable. An experienced foamy flier can extend that to 16kph at a stretch.

A pattern guy is good up to maybe 18 or 20kph, while a 3D aerobatic flier can cut the sky up into the early 20's.

Then there's the slippery jet junkies, who don't even blink until the mid 20's and might even tense their "cheeks" to the late 20's.

But all of that pretend bravado and symbolic chest thumping comes to naught when confronted with the wind we've been having on such a regular basis stretched over such an extended period.

How much can a koala bear?

Ignoring the fact that Melbourne is statistically the hottest capital city in Australia and we have 648mm of rain per year, while Brisbane has 978mm, Brisbane'ites love making fun of Melbourne weather. BTW, let's not forget that Brisbane also gets the off runs from cyclones, which can dump metres of rain in a very short period of time.

But for the last 8 months, who could blame them for ignoring their humidity and cyclones and poking fun at Melbourne's notorious weather.

It has been horrible.
I'll finish today with a personal note.

You may be aware that I have been stretching myself from foamies to a turbine. In reality, it's a bit more than a stretch, bordering on hop / skip / jump territory. I expect that many thought I was showing signs of lunacy, but if I have one failing it is tenacity, so I stuck with it through thick and thin.

And just in the last 2 days I have started reaping the benefits of my (stupidity) tenacity, having now made a couple of successful solo flights.

And I will be eternally grateful to all of the good wishes and support that I have received from many club members. From guidance on the flight line about technical details of the landing procedure, through to sudden applause from the silent audience after a successful landing.

Thank you all for your support, your expertise, and your guidance. I will always appreciate it.

And finally, on the personal note side of the line, I have been uplifted by the many enquiries I have had from club members about my impending move to wet and sticky Brisbane.

P&DARCS is a special group of people and I am going to say so.

It doesn't get said or acknowledged enough.

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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Vietnamese Cold Rolls

These healthy scrumptious cold rice paper rolls are a must to try. You can add anything you like to them and the vegetarian option is just as delicious. The ingredients I used were what I had at hand...

All the ingredients can be readily bought at a supermarket. The secret is having everything cooked, sliced, and chopped ready to go as you need to work quickly otherwise the rice-paper sheets can get sticky.

This was our first go at making these and I am sure we will improve with practice. We made ten rolls and I stored the leftovers in a box in the fridge making sure they weren't touching as they can stick together. They were just as nice for lunch so if you make too many you can store them...



Ingredients:

Round rice-paper sheets

Vermicelli or glass noodles cooked according to packet

Baby spinach

Fresh bean sprouts

Cucumber seeded and cut into batons

Cooked chicken

Cooked prawns

Fresh Mint

Fresh Coriander

Spring Onions finely sliced

Vietnamese Dipping Sauce or Hoi Sin Sauce

Crushed Peanuts for garnish

Method:

Have your ingredients prepared and ready to go

Fill a bowl with hot water from the tap

Dip each rice paper sheet into the water for a few seconds

Place on a clean tea-towel and start adding your filling – working quickly

Start with some spinach leaves and coriander

Add a layer of chicken and a layer of cold cooked noodles

Finish off with beansprouts, prawns, and mint

Roll up, tucking the sides in as you go

Experiment with the order of fillings, this makes the outside more interesting

Don't overfill the rice paper roll. You will know you have over-filled it if it starts falling apart as you are rolling it.

Only use enough ingredients for three or four bites, maximum.

Serve with a Vietnamese Dipping sauce or Hoi Sin sauce topped with peanuts

Anybody can invite you to a party, but only a real friend invites you to a financially crippling hobby and tells you.



P & DARCS Calendar

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

17 (Sun) [ASA Scale Competition](#) Field Open: No

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

13 (Fri) - 15 (Sun) [ASAA IMAC 2026 Nationals](#) 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 \(Online\)](#)

05 (Sat) - 06 (Sun) [VPA F3A Precision Aerobatics](#) Field Open: No

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

19 (Sat) 11:00 am - 3:00 pm [P&DARCS Christmas BBQ](#)

